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CHOIR IS ON SONG FOR HAROLD'S WEDDING

ABOVE: Members of Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir were on hand to celebrate the marriage of chorister Harold Phillips and Ann McColl at St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, on May 27. See full story on page 3.

STORE MANAGER MADE OUT FALSE CASH REFUNDS

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A STORE manager at a retail outlet at McArthurGlen has been given a suspended sentence at Cardiff Crown Court for pocketing more than £5,900 by making out false cash refunds.

Iain Carter (35), a married man with no previous convictions, of Cae Perllan, Brackla, Bridgend, pleaded guilty to an offence of fraud by the abuse of his position.

Recorder Richard Booth QC told him: "You generated false cash refunds 150 times to the tune of £5,931.79. It came to light when you borrowed Christmas money from the safe and a stock check revealed discrepancies.

"This was an abuse of a position of trust and there was significant planning."

Prosecutor Tim Evans said Carter had been the store manager of Skechers at McArthurGlen. Last year, there had been concern about Christmas money, and the district manager looked into the matter.

He discovered there had been 150 transactions involving refunds for £5,900.

Such frequency was unusual. Soon after, said Mr Evans, Carter resigned his post.

When interviewed by the police, he was shown the details of an audit and said he could not explain what had happened.

Carter's counsel, John Ryan, said: "In the past, he was hard-working, reliable and honest. He had been troubled by certain traumatic events which caused mental anguish."

He said Carter accepted he had behaved "like a prat" and was truly sorry.

He was a man, added Mr Ryan, who was at low risk of reoffending. Currently, he said, he was working as a gardener for Bridgend County Borough Council and hoped to start his own business.

He was jailed for one year, the sentence suspended for 18 months, and ordered to carry out 160 hours unpaid work and to pay £140 court surcharge.

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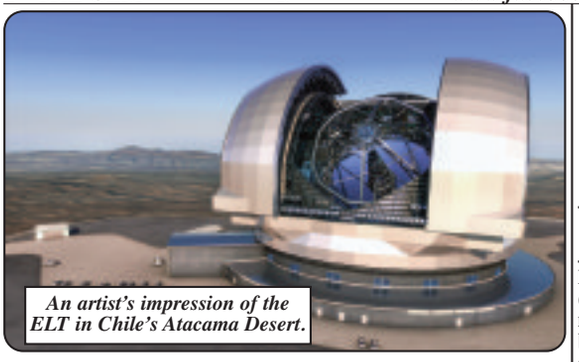

An artist's impression of the ELT in Chile's Atacama Desert.

NIGHTTIME RING PROBING IN JUNE FOR STARGAZERS

SATURN comes to opposition and it is nearest to Earth on June 15, when it will be 1,353 million kilometers or 75 light minutes away.

Its northern hemisphere will be tilted towards the Earth and the Sun, so its rings will be splendidly on view.

The planet rises around sunset and shines brightly all night. Jupiter also shines very brightly in the evening and midnight skies and, not to be outdone, Venus dominates the eastern morning sky. Mars is currently hiding behind the Sun.

There is exciting news that construction has started on what will be the world's largest optical/infrared telescope on a 3,000-metre high mountain in Chile's Atacama Desert, the world's most arid desert.

The Extremely Large Telescope (ELT) will have a primary mirror 39 metres in diameter and it will be five times larger than the biggest telescope in existence today. Scheduled for completion in 2024, the ELT will be the biggest 'eye' ever pointed to the sky and may revolutionise our perception of the Universe.

It will tackle a broad range of scientific challenges, including studying the nature of dark energy and dark matter, observing the Universe's early stages to explore our origins and even probing Earth-like exoplanets for signs of life. This is a far cry from our speculation in last month's Astronomy Corner on the possibility of Saturn's moon Enceladus harbouring life in its global ocean.

Bridgend Astronomical Society's new season begins on September 8 when Dr Chris North of the BBC's *The Sky at Night* will discuss 'The Mysteries of the Solar System'. Not to be missed!

More details on www.bridgendastronomicalsociety.co.uk.

NORMAN LLOYD

Local school's award

ON May 22, Porthcawl Comprehensive School was assessed against the 'South West Grid for Learning 360 Degree Safe Cymru Self Review Tool' (SWGL360DSCSRT) to judge whether or not it could be awarded the 'online safety mark'.

We are pleased to say we passed, and with flying colours. (*See photo on facing page, top left*).

Porthcawl Comprehensive School is the first comprehensive school in the Central South Consortium to gain this award and only the second comprehensive in Wales.

The Online Safety Mark looks closely at the work the school has been doing (and will continue to do) in order to ensure that our pupils, staff, and all those linked to the school, are as safe as possible when using ICT in all its forms.

Mrs Sloggett,
Deputy headteacher.

BAVO marks Volunteers' Week

TO mark national Volunteers' Week from June 1 to 7, Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO), together with various local voluntary organisations, will be at the John Street Bandstand in Porthcawl on Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 7 from 10am to 3pm, to let you know about volunteering opportunities available in the local area.

Volunteers' Week is an opportunity to recruit, reward and recognise volunteers. BAVO is a county-wide volunteer centre with more than 300 registered voluntary organisations offering a range of opportunities to match your skills and interests.

You can also drop in to BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Centre at 2 Queen Street, Bridgend town centre from 10am to 3pm on Friday, June 2 and from Monday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 7, when BAVO will be raising awareness of different volunteering opportunities.

For further details, call BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Centre on 01656 660372.

'New recycling scheme is too confusing'

SAYS GEM READER

IT is good of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to issue new information booklets on how we are to recycle our household waste.

The information is telling us we are going to have new colour coded bags and a caddy, this is fine, but what we are allowed to place in these bags is unclear and ludicrous.

In the 'white' bag goes paper – as instructed in the new leaflet, so can anybody please explain to me which part of wallpaper or paper towels isn't paper?

In the 'black' caddy goes glass, but again can anybody explain to me which part of a drinking glass isn't glass?

As far as I am concerned, BCBC want its voters to recycle as much as possible in order to reduce land fill waste, but paper is paper, and glass is glass, so what is BCBC playing at?

If you add up all the recyclable waste the council will not allow Kier to pick up from the kerbside, the 'blue' bags will fill fairly quickly, so will two bags a fortnight be enough?

I can foresee fly tipping growing as a real problem. Then the council will begin to moan and maybe do something about it.

People will also not be allowed to take waste in bags up to land fill, but in order to use the old black boxes they will be asked to recycle the waste themselves. This will cause longer delays at land fill sites.

We are paying council tax, but not getting an appropriate service.

Gordon Ezra,
Porthcawl.

Bridgend Bridge Club

LATEST results from Bridgend Bridge Club:

Wednesday, May 24: First, Tony Haworth and Kevin Maddox; second, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones; third, Tony Disley and John Evans.

The winners on handicap were Graham Jones and Irene Thomas.

Thursday, May 25: First, John Henson and Chris Rawlings; second, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams; third, Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies.

The winners on handicap were John Henson and Chris Rawlings.

Friday, May 26: First, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne; second, Simon and Debbie Richards; third, Jane Brook and Wendy Williams.

The winners on handicap were John Evans and Steve Burgoyne.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Norton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, so to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday at 2pm, again at Norton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with bidding. All sessions take place in a friendly manner and visitors and new members are always welcome.

There will be a new series of lessons for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm – 6pm starting in September, again at Norton church hall.

For further information about the lessons and any other club activities contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

New recycling containers are being delivered

***RIGHT:** The new purple bags, for absorbent materials.*

NEW recycling containers are currently being delivered to homes across Bridgend County Borough ready for changes to home recycling starting on Monday, June 5.

All homes, other than those that use communal recycling bins, are getting a new orange fabric sack for recycling their cardboard, a new white fabric sack for recycling paper, and a new black container for their glass.

New blue fabric bags for plastics and metals are also being provided to replace the old ones, while each household is also being given a supply of the new blue rubbish bags which should be used for non-recyclable waste.

The containers and waste bags are being delivered separately from the information packs and calendars which are being sent to homes through the post.

Everyone who has registered for the new recycling collection for nappies and other absorbent waste products will receive their supply of purple bags separately before June 5, while larger households that have registered for 'extra dispensations' will also receive their additional light blue bags separately ready for June 5.

People in Bridgend were also advised that there will be no recycling and waste collections on Monday, May 29 due to the bank holiday, so collections will be one day later than usual for the remainder of the week up until Saturday, June 3.

Pen-y-Fai WI news

THE annual council meeting of the Glamorgan Federation took place on May 3 in the Princess Theatre, Port Talbot.

Members from 84 WIs were present. Ann Davies, the new chairman, addressed the meeting and later introduced three guest speakers who were Jane Dixon, head of the WI college at Denman; Dame Rosemary Butler, a former presiding officer at the Senedd, and finally Helen Sharman, the first British astronaut. All the speakers were very entertaining and well received by the audience.

The monthly meeting of Pen-y-Fai WI was led by vice president Jennifer Thomas. After the usual business was concluded, statements on the resolutions going forward to the National Annual Conference were read out for members to vote on. Gloria Gote read the motion for 'Alleviating loneliness' and Jennifer Thomas read the motion 'Keep micro plastic fibres out of the environment'. Both were well supported and the results will go with the delegate to the conference.

The May trip to Hampton Court Castle in Herefordshire takes place next week and the Luncheon Club will next meet at the Star, Treoes, on June 14. The next WI meeting will be on June 19, where the speaker will be Sadie Hurley on the subject of 'ceramics'.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
01 Thur			12.29	8.5
02 Fri	00.56	8.4	13.35	8.2
03 Sat	01.58	8.1	14.43	7.9
04 Sun	03.13	8.1	15.52	8.2
05 Mon	04.14	8.3	15.60	8.5
06 Tues	05.11	8.5	17.37	8.6
07 Wed	05.58	8.7	18.18	9.0
08 Thur	00.37	9.1	18.57	9.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Pupils learn about online safety

These pupils at Porthcawl Comprehensive school recently won an award. For details, see facing page (page 2) – story. 'Local school's award'

Kenfig choir serenades long-standing colleague and his bride-to-be

MEMBERS of Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir were on hand to celebrate one of their colleague's leap into matrimony recently.

Amid a cavalcade of song, chorister Harold Phillips married Ann McColl, a retired company director from Kingskerswell in Newton Abbot, Devon, at St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, on May 27.

As a long-standing member of the Kenfig Hill & District Male Voice Choir, it was expected that fellow members of the choir would turn up in force to give Harold and his bride to be a rousing musical send off.

Some 45 choristers under the direction of their musical director, Philip Juliff, and to the accompaniment of Andrew Chinnock on piano, filled St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, to honour Harold, a member of the choir for 25 years and chairman for 17 until his retirement in December 2016.

Harold is also clerk to the Pyle Community Council.

The Wedding Service was conducted by the Rev Jonathan Durley, CA, with the bride entering the church to the strains of the 'Glasgow Love Theme' played on the organ by Andrew Chinnock with the St Theodore's Church Choir in support.

Following the service and before leaving in an Aston Martin for the reception at the Grove Golf Club, the bride and groom posed for photographs outside the church with family, friends and members of the choir.

Following the reception, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Charente, south west France.

Report and photographs by Keith E Morgan.

Heather and Jane take on trek for alopecia

HEATHER Drake and Jane Dakin from Inspirations Pencoed, recently took part in a 38-mile trek around the West Sussex countryside.

The event was organised by *www.just-walk.co.uk* to give the participants the opportunity to raise money for the charity of their choice with a variety of distances to suit all abilities. Based on the challenges that are faced by many of the clients who visit us at Inspirations it was decided that the only option was to take on the longest walk. How hard can a walk be?

And yes, we thought the same. Having competed in a marathon I thought I could do an extra 12 miles or so with the right training plan. Training started earlier this year.

The day of the walk arrived. We stood at the start line at Goodwood Racecourse, and then... we're off!

All our training paid off, though we couldn't have anticipated quite how hard the walk would be.

We walked through the most beautiful and sometimes breathtaking countryside and tried to enjoy the vista, however our natural competitive instinct drove us to a frenzied walking race to overtake our fellow walkers in an attempt to finish under our estimated 12 hours and in the top 10.

We kept the pace up and crossed the line in 11 hours and 20 minutes, in joint ninth place.

This was the hardest challenge we have ever taken on, but it is nothing compared to the challenges that our cancer clients face daily as they undergo surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy and then the loss of their hair.

The ridicule, bullying, insecurity and lack of self confidence that our clients with alopecia face during their day and then disappointment when they hear that there isn't a cure for their condition and finally, acceptance.

This is why we chose to support the Little Princess Trust and Alopecia UK.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments and other illnesses.

Alopecia UK is a registered charity providing information, support and advice for people with experience of *alopecia areata*, *alopecia totalis* and *alopecia universalis*.

It also works to raise public awareness and understanding throughout the UK and supports and funds research.

The two charities are very close to our hearts as we are an NHS registered supplier of wigs to clients of all ages, men and women suffering from hair loss.

We will continue to raise money until the end of September 2017 and if anyone would like to donate to these two very worthy charities then please pop into the salon, 6a Penybont Road, Pencoed, or follow the link uk.virgin moneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=Inspirations2&isTeam=true or visit our Facebook page Inspirations Pencoed.

A huge thank you to all those that have already made very generous donations.

JANE DAKIN

'THANK YOU' TO VOTERS

CHRISTINE CAVE is the newly elected councillor for the Llandow/Ewenny ward, and would like to thank all the residents who voted for her.

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MUSIC HELPS BRIDGEND'S STREET ROOTS FESTIVAL GO WITH A SWING

GOOD weather gave Bridgend Street Roots Festival a real boost as the town centre hosted two days of entertainment.

As well as a string of local bands, there were stalls selling churros, artisan pizzas, street food from various regions, and a bus serving beer from Bridgend's own brewery, the Bang On Brewery.

Elsewhere in the streeets, there was a chance for children to learn circus skills, trampolining, go karts and a variety of fun activities.

Acts playing on the Saturday included the Evil Turkeys and The Blims, while first on stage on Sunday were Junior Bill, followed by an excellent young, local band, Sarasota.

Local band Junior Bill.

ABOVE: There were trampoline demonstrations.

ABOVE: Go karting for the little ones.

The streets were alive to the sounds of samba.

ABOVE: The beer bus was popular.

ABOVE: Sarasota, on stage in Bridgend.

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FORD'S MARIA STEPS UP TO THE MARQUE

MARIA BROOKS is no stranger to excelling, having been selected as Apprentice of the Year at last year's Apprenticeship Awards Cymru.

Maria (29), who works for Ford Motor Company in Bridgend, has been shortlisted for a Vocational Qualification (VQ) Award for Wales. She is one of three finalists competing for the VQ Intermediate Learner of the Year Award.

She will discover if she has won the award at a ceremony to be held at St David's Hotel, Cardiff on June 6.

The VQ Awards, which celebrate those who use technical, practical and vocational qualifications to achieve success, are organised by the Welsh Government, National Training Federation for Wales ColegauCymru/Colleges Wales and Qualifications Wales.

VQ Awards finalist Maria Brooks.

Maria joined Ford Motor Company in 2011.

In August, she completes her electrical maintenance apprenticeship, while at the same time undertaking a BEng in manufacturing systems engineering degree and an HNC in electrical engineering through Bridgend College where Matt Williams, director of work-based learning, describes her as an "exceptional ambassador for apprenticeships".

Maria has been a keen supporter of the 'Girls into STEM' initiative, encouraging schoolgirls to consider careers based in science, technology, engineering and maths.

At the Bridgend plant, Maria has developed an electro-pneumatic rig to improve training facilities for apprentices.

Tackling peaks challenge to support Leighton

FAMILY and friends are undertaking one of Britain's great climbing challenges to raise funds to help a Barry man who has a brain tumour.

People are keen to help Leighton Dutton, a father of two who used to play rugby for Dinas Powys, after he was diagnosed with the tumour.

A Justgiving page has been set up and is being publicised on social media.

A spokeswoman said: "On Saturday, July 1, Luke, Kyle, Danny, Ben, Lloyd and a group of the rugby guys will be doing the Three Peaks national challenge in order to raise money for Leighton and his family at this difficult time.

"Leighton is only 29, a local Barry man, a loving husband to Becci and a devoted dad to his two children, as well as being a much-loved son, brother, uncle, grandson and cousin."

Those taking part will climb Snowdon in Wales (1,085 metres), Scafell Pike in England (978m), and Ben Nevis in Scotland (1,345m) within 24 hours.

They will start at 12pm Saturday, July 1, at Ben Nevis and finish in Wales at 12pm on Sunday, July 2.

To make a donation, people can go to: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/katherine-bounds.

Roots Festival hailed a 'success'

POOR weather last Saturday broke to give clearer skies the following day for Bridgend's 'Street Roots Festival'.

From world cuisine to miniature bicycles, and from stilt-walking to music from bands such as Dope Biscuits, there really was something for everyone.

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'Wax on, wax off': Leroy goes through pain barrier for Ty Hafan

From bear...

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Leroy presents Emma with a bouquet for all her hard work!

A BARRY fundraiser endured one of the greatest pains known to man, but not to women – the full back wax – and raised £1,000 for Ty Hafan.

Leroy Keeble (23), who works for Food for Thought in High Street, Barry, admitted: "It hurt more than I thought it would."

He underwent the treatment at The Beauty Studio on May 24.

"I went there at about 10am and it took just over half an hour. It is still stinging a bit." (That was five hours later!)

Leroy explained: "First the hot wax went on, then the pads and after a few seconds they were pulled off. It was more painful at the top of my back than at the bottom of it.

"I'd like to thank Emma of The Beauty Studio for carrying it out."

"The great news is that I have raised £1,000, and possibly more.

"I'd hoped to get between £400 and £500. I didn't think I'd get anywhere near £1,000."

More sponsorship forms are due to be returned so the figure should climb beyond £1,000.

Leroy said: "I'll have a final figure when I go down to Ty Hafan in two weeks."

Staff at the deli had been debating whether Leroy should have the back wax and decided to put it up on the business's 'debate board'.

"I said I'd go ahead with it if over 50 people wanted me to. In the end, over 200 people had said 'yes'. There were also people online who agreed."

Leroy is also the host of Bro Radio's 'Best Club Classics' on Friday nights.

"What was nice was that some of the listeners who I speak to on the radio came down to High Street to sponsor me.

"I'd like to thank the staff, customers, Bro Radio listeners, Emma and The GEM for supporting the challenge."

On a 'back wax', the last word should go to Sarah, Leroy's mum, who has helped log the sponsorship, and commented: "Leroy was an absolute trooper. It's great he topped £1,000."

Lots to do at Wick fete

The poster was designed by Sophia from Wick and Marcross Church in Wales School, the winner of this year's competition.

IT'S that time of year again, with the Wick village fete to be held on Saturday, June 3 on the rugby ground at Cwrt y Felin, Wick from 2pm.

As usual there are lots of fun things planned for the day: the Wandering Wild West Workshop; the Vale Play rangers; splatting the rat or the coconut shy.

There will be a five-a-side football tournament and for the first time this year, bring your dog along and enter the first annual Wick Village Dog Show.

Classes will include those for puppies through to veterans (10 years old or over), behaviour, tricks and even classes for children to take part in.

With entries at just £1 per class entered try as many as you like and find out if your dog has what it takes for 'Best in Show'.

There will be stalls, refreshments, a raffle, burgers and music from the Liberty Street Players.

This year, the theme is 'Children at Play' – because the children's play area on the village green is in need of refurbishment and the will raise funds towards this work.

It is hoped that residents will join in the fun and provide the village with a display of scarecrows as well as entering the competition for the best decorated wheelbarrow.

During the week there will be 'yarn bombing' around the village and a walking treasure hunt on Thursday evening to make the most of everyone's hard work, as it will take in the sights of the scarecrows and wheelbarrows as well as other features around the village.

To round out this week for the community, there is music and a barbecue at The Lamb & Flag from 7.30pm.

Rugby great Steve Fenwick (right) joins college students at the opening.

Wooden Spoon rugby charity steps in to help local college students

BRIDGEND College is, said a spokesperson, "delighted" to have received funding from Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby, to provide a new wet room facility in its on-site specialist residential facility for students with additional needs at Weston House.

The room was officially opened by Huw Thomas and Anthony Evans from Wooden Spoon organisation along with Bridgend rugby star Steve Fenwick.

Mr Fenwick was capped 30 times for Wales (1975-1981) and four times for the British Lions (1977).

Mr Thomas, chairman Wales region said: "It was a great pleasure to meet some of the students, so happy in their environment, thanks partly to their surroundings but also the excellent level of dedicated care you provide.

"It is always very satisfying to see the completed project and great to hear it has already made a difference."

Kath Jones, Weston House manager said: "We are delighted and very grateful for this generous donation from Wooden Spoon, especially as we became known to the charity through a chance meeting when our students were out on an activity in the community.

"This is a welcome reward both for our fantastic students and for the wonderful staff team here. The wet room will make a difference 'day to day' for all here as it is now a fully accessible room and will help us to further promote our learners' independence.

"Thank you very much; diolch yn fawr iawn."

600 NOT OUT! Property developer stumps up cash

A new home for the next generation of the region's cricketers is secured with developer's donation.

A SOUTH Wales house builder has teamed up with a local cricket club to help it develop its own private clubhouse to improve training sessions, grow team numbers and attract future generations of cricketing talent.

Waterstone Homes, which has supported other community and charity projects in south Wales, has joined forces with Great Western Railway Cricket Club, donating more than £600 to help it with the refurbishment of its new cricket home in Southerndown.

The Bridgend-based team, which has swapped its original council-run land in Newbridge Fields for the privately-owned ground at the Old Cricket Pavilion, has undertaken significant refurbishment work worth more than £4,000 since acquiring the clubhouse in September to bring the ground up to standard.

The work has included restoring the original pavilion, insulating and boarding walls, installing modern kitchen and shower facilities as well as purchasing new green maintenance equipment.

The initial improvements were jointly funded by the club itself and Southerndown Community Council, with additional financial support provided by Waterstone Homes, enabling the final completion of the project.

Ian Keen, club captain of the Great Western Railway Cricket Club, said: "Throughout the process of refurbishing our new clubhouse, we have tried to stick to our original budget, but this has been difficult, and so the extra donations have been extremely helpful to us.

"We are very thankful to Waterstone Homes for their generosity, which has gone a long way to helping restore the ground to its original condition.

"We are less than two weeks away from completion, and this support has enabled us to get to this point a lot sooner than we would have been able to achieve otherwise."

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Children not only had floury fun the pizza-making sessions, but also got to sample the fruits of their labours fresh from the oven, while the young – and young-at-heart – cooled down with an artisanal ice cream, or for the grown-ups, a refreshing beer.

All in all, a great time was had by everyone that attended the 2017 Cowbridge Food festival.

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BRIDGEND BEAUTY COMPETES FOR MISS UNIVERSE

A 27-YEAR-OLD beautician from Bridgend is in the running to be crowned Miss Universe Great Britain this summer.

Former law student, Kiera Ricci, who works at Bellissimos Academy in Cardiff, is one of 40 contestants from across the UK who will compete for the title at an event in Newport in July.

As part of the competition, Kiera, who has no previous modelling experience, has been tasked with a series of challenges and fundraising for Strongbones, a charity which helps children from all over the UK with diseases of the bone.

The event will also support survivors of acid attacks in India by supporting the charity Stop Acid Attacks.

The final will be a three-day event and includes an empowerment day lead by one of the UK's foremost leadership coaches, a celebration dinner with friends and family, and a catwalk show before a panel of judges from the beauty and fashion industry.

The winner of Miss Universe Great Britain will represent the UK in the worldwide competition.

Commenting on her success so far, Kiera said: "I am really excited to have been chosen as a finalist for Miss Universe Great Britain this year. I really didn't expect to get this far in the competition – and I'm still pinching myself because it's a dream come true. Obviously I would love to win the competition, but I also believe that by doing this, I can inspire others to achieve their full potential and greatness."

The Miss Universe Great Britain operates a NOT IN VAIN campaign as part of the competition which acknowledges the efforts and calibre of finalists.

Kiera's company, Bellisimos Academy, works with plastic surgeons who offer free hair transplants to victims of acid attacks, surgery for cleft palates and non-surgical treatment to reconstruct the areola for cancer patients following mastectomy.

As a child, Kiera was a young carer for her father, who is disabled and relies on a wheelchair following a car accident.

She said: "For me, helping others is something I have always wanted to do and a big part of my work is improving people's confidence. When I see the look on someone's face after treatment it's amazing. I'm so happy to have made a positive difference to someone's life."

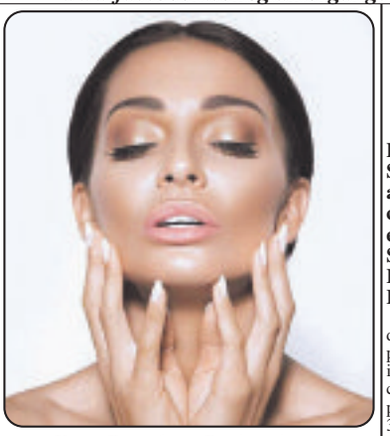
As well as getting the opportunity to represent the UK for around three weeks overseas later this year at Miss Universe, the winner of Miss Universe Great Britain will also visit India to support the Sheroes Hangout initiative which helps women who have been victims of acid attacks.

National director of Miss Universe Great Britain, Paula Abbandonato, said: "Pageantry in the UK is more popular than ever before and we have the most amazing line-up of young women from England, Scotland and Wales vying for the crown this year.

"It's going to be an excellent competition and I wish them all the very best of luck."

Around 90 countries take part in the Miss Universe event. The dates and location for 2017 have yet to be announced.

Miss Universe Great Britain takes place on July 15 at The Riverfront in Newport. The event is sponsored by Smilize, Giovanni's Restaurants, Orchira and Maraldress.



Keira Ricci from Bridgend is in the running for the Miss Universe Great Britain title.

Town council moves to tackle litter on the prom!

One of the bins on West Drive that is on its last legs.

PORTHCAWL Town Council has decided to order 40 new litter bins to be installed as soon as possible.

At the recent local elections, the make up of the council changed.

The Porthcawl independent grouping has 11 councillors, giving a majority on the council.

The grouping has made 10 pledges to local residents, and one is to install 100 litter bins in the town.

One councillor told The GEM that overflowing bins in the town had been the most common cause for complaint among residents.

The GEM understands that the vote on ordering the first 40 – all free standing units – was unanimous, and the council has committed £18,000 to this first stage of the project.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) will be covering the cost of installing the bins.

The town council is currently reviewing where the bins will be placed, but this first batch of 40 will, with the tourist season already up and running, most likely be along the various promenades.

Some of the bins will replace existing ones that have rusted or are otherwise on their last legs. The bins exposed to the elements on West Drive, near to the Atlantic and Fairways Hotels, are definitely in line for replacement.

Councillors have discussed approaching local businesses to sponsor a bin.

Market-leading pharma company has new facility

PCI Pharma Services (PCI) has announced the completion of its expanded Clinical Services Centre of Excellence at Bridgend.

The new storage and distribution facility will provide PCI – a leading international pharmaceutical outsourcing provider – with a further 37,500 sq ft of space in addition to its existing 33,000 sq ft which is used for specialist clinical trial logistics as well as packaging and labelling activities for investigational medicines.

Property developer and investor Robert Hitchins Ltd began work on the new development at 2500 Central Park, Bridgend Industrial Estate in 2016.

Internal fit-out works are under way. Full completion is scheduled for September. The development almost doubles the site capacity of the Bridgend Centre of Excellence and should be fully operational by January 2018.

A spokesperson said: "PCI is a full-service provider of outsourced pharmaceutical services for the global healthcare industry, including drug development and manufacture, clinical trial supply for investigational medicines including storage and worldwide distribution, as well as contract packaging services for commercial medicines."

John Jones, asset and development manager at Robert Hitchins, said: "The delivery of this high specification building, ahead of schedule and tailor-made to PCI's requirements, is testament to the good relations forged between both companies and to the high standards in which both companies believe. We look forward to providing further property solutions for PCI in future."

Kevin Williams, PCI UK clinical operations director in Bridgend, said: "PCI has a long-standing relationship with Robert Hitchins.

"We are delighted to have worked with them to develop such a highly-specified building meeting all PCI and customers' requirements."

From left: Kevin Williams (operations director, PCI Bridgend), Rachel Griffiths (associate director) John Jones (asset and development manager, RHL), Steve Pike (Cushman & Wakefield on behalf of PCI).

Choir donates trophy to Urdd

THE Bridgend Male Choir has donated the trophy for the Group Singing competition for boys aged 12-14 years old at the Urdd, taking place in Pencoed.

The title of the piece for the competition is 'Teithio'r Gofod' ('Space Travel') and was written by Rhys Jones (Caryl Parry Jones' late father).

The adjudicators for the event are Meinir Richards and Helen Wyn.

The preliminaries for the competition were on Thursday, June 1 at 7.45am, in the Neuadd Gorawl (Choral Hall) with the final in the Pavilion Hall at 12.05pm.

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VALE RESORT WELCOMES JUVENTUS FOR UEFA FINAL

STAFF at the Vale Resort, Hensol, are getting ready to say *buongiorno* as they welcome the Italian football team, Juventus, who face Real Madrid in the UEFA Champions League on June 3 in Cardiff.

Staff at the hotel are going the 'extra mile' to make sure the Italian team feels at home during its stay at the resort, as they compete for victory against the Spanish team in the biggest sporting event ever hosted in the country.

The Welsh flag that flies high above the hotel will be joined by an Italian flag, which will be raised from June 1-4. Staff at the hotel reception will be taught some basic Italian phrases including *Benvenuto a Galles* (Welcome to Wales), and food in the Vale Resort's restaurants will have a decidedly Italian flavour for the week leading up to the Champions League final

Paul Beddoe, sales and marketing director of the Vale Resort, said: "We're no stranger to hosting world-class sporting teams, but you can still sense the anticipation among our staff at the prospect of hosting one of the teams at the centre of the excitement that is about to hit Cardiff.

"The eyes of the world will be on Cardiff as Juventus battle it out against Real Madrid, so we want to make sure that the football team's stay with us is as comfortable and welcoming as possible in the lead up to the match, to play our small part in helping them to perform at their best.

"The team also has access to our first-class sporting facilities during their stay to make sure they are match-perfect ahead of the game."

The Vale Resort regularly hosts international sporting teams. Recently, the British and Irish Lions stayed at the resort for five days ahead of their tour to New Zealand next month, and it is the official home and training centre of Wales' national rugby team, Cardiff Blues and Cardiff City FC. Other teams it has hosted include Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool, while athletes from Trinidad and Tobago stayed there during the 2012 Olympic Games.

Mr Beddoe added: "Over the years, we built up a bit of a reputation in sporting circles as the 'lucky hotel', following a spate of high-profile wins where the winning team always seemed to stay at the Vale Resort. It got to the point where teams were fighting over who was going to stay with us.

"It will be interesting to see if this superstition bears out on June 3."

The Vale Resort staff get ready to welcome Juventus. From left to right, Jade Ellul, Paul Beddoe and Tom Jenkins.

A TASTE OF BARRY LADIES' CHOIR OFFERED

BARRY Ladies' Choir is looking forward to welcoming anyone with an interest in singing to Whitmore and Jackson, Barry Island, on Tuesday, June 6.

The local choir is long established and sings many different types of music, but wants to turn up the volume by having more voices in the choir.

It will be a fun evening meeting the ladies who sing in the choir. Visitors will also meet musical director Matt and accompanist Chris, both young, talented musicians who lead the choir through a varied repertoire including songs from musicals, pop songs, modern and traditional classics, a bit of jazz, and a few Welsh songs.

There will be a taste of what the choir does on the evening, as well as a cuppa and cake and the chance to join in.

Members will be there to welcome and answer any questions prospective members might have about what it means to be a member of the choir.

The choir normally sings on Tuesday evenings at Crossway Church, off Holton Road, in Barry. Come along and join everyone to see if you want to be part of the local music scene!

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Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale shines spotlight on its volunteers

CITIZENS Advice Cardiff and Vale is celebrating the volunteers who help solve people's problems.

To mark Volunteers' Week (June 1-7), the charity is highlighting the contribution of its team of 50 volunteers.

In the last year, Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale has helped 12,664 people with 31,969 problems from housing and debt issues, to benefits and employment rights.

The charity's volunteers play a role ensuring people in Cardiff and Vale get the advice and support they need to get on with their lives.

Citizens Advice offer a wide range of voluntary roles from advisers to administrators, receptionists and trustees.

Jane Clay, CEO at Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale said: "Thank you to all our amazing volunteers. Your dedication, hard work and enthusiasm enable us to provide a service that really makes a difference to people. Thank you and well done!

"Our volunteers give up their time to help people who may be going through problems to get back on their feet.

"Volunteering also brings its own rewards and is a great way to meet new people and learn new skills. If you can spare a few hours each week, we'd love to hear from you."

If you're interested in finding out more about volunteering with Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale, contact: Delyth Murphy, training manager at volunteering@cacv.org.uk.

A 'media experience' for Barry Comprehensive pupils on match day

Damon Williams, Rhys Wolfe-Adams, Alexander Hamer, Rhys Powell, Mark Williams, Charlotte Bowkett, Wesley Ballysingh, Daley Chapman and Ben Colton at Cardiff City FC.

DURING April, Year-10 and 11 students from Barry Comprehensive School, accompanied by teachers Mr Williams and Mrs Bowkett, attended a 'media experience day' courtesy of Cardiff City FC.

The match in question was a rejuvenated Cardiff City side, under the guidance of the old master Neil Warnock, against an ever-improving and confident Brentford Town.

Before kick-off, the students went 'backstage' to mix with local journalists in the press area and were invited on to the pitch to receive a signed shirt. The budding journalists then watched the match from the press area, attended the post-match press post conference to hear the manager's views and were then tasked with writing an official match report.

Head of communications at Cardiff City FC, Mark Denham commented: "It was a pleasure to welcome the pupils of Barry Comprehensive to our game with Brentford and give them the opportunity of experiencing a working match-day at Cardiff City Stadium.

"I was delighted to read Daley's report of the game and hope that the visit inspired him and his classmates to consider a career in sports media. Credit to Mr Williams and Mrs Bowkett for taking education out of the classroom and giving their students a real taste of the working world, via the engaging medium of professional sport.

"I'd also like to take the opportunity of wishing Barry Comp the very best of luck ahead of their trip to Sri Lanka later this year, which I know is so important to them and those they're supporting."

On behalf of Barry Comprehensive School, Mr Williams and Mrs Bowkett would like to thank Cardiff City FC for their hospitality and generosity.

Mr Williams said: "The boys really appreciated the experience and it has inspired some of them to consider a future career in journalism.

"The signed Cardiff City shirt will be used as the main prize for a school penalty shootout competition, which is being held in order to raise money for the Help Lanka project."

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Challenge Wales ***with some of the Tall Ships fleet in London. Picture by Sail Training International.***

Deadline approaches to join Tall Ships challenge

***CHALLENGE Wales*, Wales' Tall Ship, has 13 fully-funded places on two of its Tall Ships legs this summer in Finland – and is encouraging young people aged 16 to 25 years to apply for a place as soon as possible.**

The charity already operates a bursary scheme to subsidise Welsh residents to take part in all its adventure activities; however, extra funding is enabling Challenge Wales to offer 13 places to those living in a CF postcode area. This will cover 100 per cent of the voyage costs. In addition, a small travel bursary is also included to help with travel to and from the ports.

Successful applicants will be racing Challenge Wales against over 100 vessels, from no fewer than 23 countries, from the international tall ships fleet and representing Wales and the UK at this spectacular event.

Around 4,000 young people from all over the world will be taking part in the Tall Ships Races series this year and no sailing experience is required.

Vicky Williams, trustee said: "We're looking for young people who are looking for an adventure and are up for a challenge.

"The young people take an active part in running the boat, so it's not just sailing but also cooking, cleaning and working in watches. We have lots of fun on board too and there is a host of shore-side inter-crew activities organised as well.

"Young people can contact us themselves to apply, but we are also encouraging teachers, colleagues, group leaders, parents and friends to nominate someone who might benefit.

"Perhaps someone has been working hard for exams or at work and needs a break, or it might be someone who hasn't been able to have a holiday for a few years or someone who would enjoy experiencing new cultures."

For an application form and for further details, email reservations@challengewales.org or call 029 20 704 657.

The deadline for applying is June 8, 2017 and applicants must be available to travel from July 15 to July 22, or from July 22 to 31, 2017.

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EVERYONE knows that WI ladies are always elegant and enjoy getting together for lunch with good friends.

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Lyn Kettle of Solo and Karen Hutchins of Goose Island provided the garments, and elegant models showed them off beautifully. Many of the ladies took the opportunity to update their summer wardrobes after the fashion show had finished.

Myra Thomas, who organised the occasions for the Glamorgan Federation, was delighted with the events and thanked the staff of the hotel for their kindness and attention to detail.

The lunch and fashion shows are so popular that three more have been scheduled for September and members who were unable to attend this month will then get the opportunity to update their wardrobes in time for autumn.

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The WI ladies enjoyed an elegant fashion show from Goose Island and Solo.

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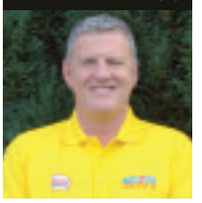

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Lest We Forget: Barry's War Dead during May 1917

This information has been supplied by Paul Kemp, Western Front Association, and the Barry at War Group.

PRIVATE Albert Paulding of the 8th Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps was killed in action near Bullecourt on May 3, 1917.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France. Aged 21, he was the son of Mr and Mr H J Paulding of 61 Station Street, Barry Dock.

At the outbreak of hostilities, he had joined the King's Royal Rifles, and had been in many engagements, being gassed in the Somme offensive. He was a former pupil of Romilly School and prior to enlisting was employed in the locomotive department of the Barry Railway Company.

Private Edward Halloran of the 5th Bn of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry was killed in action on May 3, 1917. He was born and enlisted in Barry.

His personal effects were sent to his sister, Mrs Mary A Shiers and his brothers Frederick and William. He had been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field in France in the London Gazette of December 9, 1916.

This award is believed to be for actions between September and October on the Somme. He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

Lieutenant Frank C James, of the 1st Bn Royal Berkshire Regt died of wounds on May 4, 1917 while a prisoner of war. Aged 19, he was the youngest son of the late Rev H P James and Mrs M A James of 41 St Nicholas Road, Barry.

Initially reported wounded and missing on May 3, it was later confirmed he had been captured by the Germans on May 3 and died of his wounds while a prisoner on May 4. He is buried in the Douai Communal Cemetery, France.

Gunner John Wilson of B Battery, 82nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery died of wounds on May 4, 1917 and is buried in Bray Military Cemetery. Aged 19, he was the husband of Lydia Maud Wilson of 20 Arthur Street, Cadoxton, Barry.

Private Herbert Davey of the 7th Bn of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt died of gunshot wounds in the 55th Field Ambulance on May 6, 1917 and is buried in Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, France.

Aged 20, he was the son of Mr and Mrs A Davey of 31 Treharne Road, Cadoxton, Barry, Glamorgan. In 1915, he had joined the Welsh Horse with his three brothers, but all were later transferred into other units.

Private Oswald Seton Hullin of the Royal Canadian Regt Canadian Infantry was killed in action by shellfire while in trenches in the vicinity of Vimy on Sunday, May 13, 1917. He is buried in the Bois Carre Cemetery, Thelus, four miles north-north east of Arras.

Aged 26, he was the only surviving son of the late Mr Edwin Hullin of Dinas Powys, formerly of Barry, and the brother of Miss Annie Hullin whose address was given in his papers as Buckingham Palace.

His officer wrote: "Private Hullin was a splendid soldier, and more than liked by the whole company. He died a soldier's death, doing his duty. May the memory of his bravery sustain and strengthen you."

He went to Canada in 1913, and enlisted on the outbreak of war. He saw a great deal of fighting, being in a bombing section.

First Engineer James Bryce Oswald of the SS Kilmaho, Mercantile Marine, died on May 17, 1917 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 66, he was the son of John and Christina Oswald; husband of Mary Agnes Oswald (nee O'Sullivan), of 3 Wayside Cottage, Eastbrook, Dinas Powys.

Messroom Steward Sidney Patrick Oswald of the SS *Kilmaho*, Mercantile Marine, died on May 17, 1917 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine.

Aged 17, he was the son of Mary Agnes Oswald (nee O'Sullivan), of 3 Wayside Cottage, Eastbrook, Dinas Powys, and the late James Bryce Oswald. He was born in Penarth.

The *Kilmaho* was lost travelling between Cardiff and Dunkirk. She was sunk by the German submarine UB-20 west of the Lizard.

The only survivor of the 21-man crew was an Arab fireman who was taken from the water alive six hours after the incident. The body of another crew member was also recovered.

Messroom Steward William James Welch of the *SS Mordenwood*, Mercantile Marine, died on May 18, 1917 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine.

Aged 22, he was the son of Ada Assman, (formerly Welch), of 32 Barry Road, Barry Dock, and the late Charles Welch. The *Mordenwood* was sunk by the German submarine U-29 (*Leo Prasil*). Her position when torpedoed was in the Mediterranean 90 miles SExS1/2S of Cape Matapan, there were 21 casualties.

Messroom Steward Albert Benjamin Vincent of the *SS Mary Baird*, Mercantile Marine, died on May 18, 1917 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 17, he was the son of George and Elizabeth Vincent, of 42 Tydfil Street, Barry Dock. He was born at Llandaff, Cardiff.

On May 18, 1917, *Mary Baird* on a voyage from Rouen to Newport in ballast, was sunk by a mine from the German submarine UC-47 (*Paul Hundius*), 2.5 miles west from Pendeen Cove; seven people were lost.

Lieutenant Ivor John Clarke of the 28th Bn Canadian Infantry was killed in action at Vimy on May 20, 1917 and is buried in Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, five miles north west of Arras.

Aged 24, he was the son of Uriah Barwell Clarke, of 61 Trinity Street, Barry. In 1915, he was residing in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where he worked as an electrician. He sailed from Halifax on the *SS Olympic* leaving for the UK on October 12, 1916.

Fireman Samuel Ashton Cartwright of the SS *Porthkerry*, Mercantile Marine, died on May 20, 1917 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 24, he was the son of Samuel and Lily Cartwright; husband of Beatrice Maud Cartwright (nee Griffiths), of 93 Merthyr Street, Barry. He was born at Cadoxton, Barry.

The *Porthkerry*, a 1.920 ton 280ft steamer, was torpedoed on May 20, 1917 by UB-40, 16 miles west from Beachy Head in the English Channel. The captain and seven crew were killed.

The *Porthkerry* had stopped to pick up survivors and was torpedoed by the same U-boat that sank the SS *Tycho* seven minutes earlier. 15 men and the master of the *Tycho* were killed.

About eight miles south of Beachy Head on May 20, the British steamer *Tycho* was torpedoed without warning and began to go down by the head. The ship was abandoned, the crew taking to the boats. The crew then rowed towards the steamship *Porthkerry* which had seen the explosion and was standing by about 200 yards away on the port beam to pick up any survivors.

As the boats came alongside *Porthkerry*, another torpedo was discharged by the submarine. This blew up one of the boats, killing the master and 14 men, and capsizing the other boat.

The *Porthkerry* was abandoned with eight casualties, the vessel going down in three minutes after being struck by the torpedo.

Survivors from both ships were picked up at 7pm that night by a small coasting steamer and landed at Newhaven at midnight on May 21.

Gunner Martin Leonard Albert James of the 223rd Brigade Royal Field Artillery was killed in action on May 21, 1917 and is buried in Athies Communal Cemetery Extension, France. He enlisted in Barry and left a widow, Margaret James and children.

Sergeant William Harris of the 49th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA) was killed in action by shell fire on May 23, 1917, and is buried in La Targette British Cemetery, Neuville-St,Vaast.

Aged 30, he was the son of Mr and Mrs Henry Harris of 97 Dock View Road, Barry Dock. His family home was at 47 Castleland Street, Barry Docks. He left a widow and one child.

Sgt Harris had been in France from the commencement of the war, and was a reservist.

Information of his death was given in a letter sent to his relatives at home by Sergeant Edgar Leaman, RGA, also of Barry Docks. He was previously employed as a coal tipper at Barry Docks.

Private George Arnold Connelly of C Company, 11th Bn Durham Light Infantry was killed in action on May 25, 1917. Aged 31, he was the son of Thomas and Alice Violet Connelly of St Georges, Wenvoe Terrace, Barry. He is buried in Vraucourt Copse Cemetery, Vaulx-Vraucourt, France.

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Salazar's Revenge keeps the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise afloat... just!

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WHEN *Pirates of the Caribbean* blasted into cinemas in 2003, it was one of the most refreshing blockbusters seen in recent times, a tale of derring-do and swashbuckling enlivened by an incredible tour-de-force performance by Johnny Depp.

However, 14 years later, and three middling-to-poor sequels later, the franchise has the faint whiff of being a cash cow and little more, while the magic of Depp's original turn has been sullied somewhat by the law of diminishing returns (and Depp's seeming inability to take on a role that requires him to just do some straight acting).

So the fifth (and supposed) final installment of the franchise, subtitled *Salazar's Revenge*, is a film that promises to return to the thrills and spills of the first outing. It sees Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow searching for Poseidon's trident, but he is being chased by the ghostly Salazar (Javier Bardem), whose death Sparrow was responsible for years before and who wants Sparrow's life.

Aided (both willingly and unwillingly) by Kaya Scodelario's astrologist Carina and Brenton Thwaites' Henry Turner (whose parents will be familiar to fans of the series), will Sparrow track down the spear and evade the grasp of Salazar...?

The thought of seeing Johnny Depp get dressed up as Captain Jack Sparrow yet again was probably more heartening to Disney executives rather than audiences; after all, the franchise, while still afloat, is hardly in the rudest of health.

So the release of *Salazar's Revenge* (or *Dead Men Tell No Tales in America*) doesn't come with the same heightened anticipation that the earlier *Pirates*... films had, and while the film is a decent stab at returning the franchise to the fun of the first film, it still falls short of being a truly great film.

If, as the trailer declared, this was the final outing for Sparrow and co (and let's face it, that is highly unlikely while the films continue to make huge profits), it at least rounds the series off on a better note than the hugely disappointing *On Stranger Tides*.

The style of the film and the broad plot points echo *Curse of the Black Pearl*, a seemingly conscious effort to move away from the slightly more darker (and confusing) later efforts, and while it doesn't hit the heights of that film, it's still quite easily the second best film in the franchise.

Much has been made about Johnny Depp's off-screen behaviour during this film, but on screen he is as dependable as ever (or as annoying as ever depending on your view of the actor's performances).

The key to using Sparrow as a character is as comic relief, undercutting the drama rather than driving it, and the film gets this right here.

At his best, Depp is a gifted visual actor and he gets plenty of time to shine here, and though this is a performance that sees him freewheeling through the film, he at least keeps you entertained.

Geoffrey Rush is reasonable value as Sparrow's frenemy Barbossa, while Javier Bardem attempts to wring some depth out of the villainous Salazar.

The character shoes of Orlando Bloom (who pops up here in a small, but pivotal role) and Keira Knightley (because Sparrow seems to make it a necessity to get caught up with a male and female character) are filled here by Brenton Thwaites and Kaya Scodelario.

If the former is a rather wet character, then the latter is good fun, headstrong, plucky and the brains of the operation, with Scodelario's performance the most enjoyable on show.

Directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg have form on the ocean waves, having helmed Norwegian film *Kon-Tiki* (which received an Academy Award nomination) about an explorer's raft crossing of the Pacific, and they slip into the blockbuster sand pit with ease.

The film has a nice visual energy to it, and while zombie pirate ships and crew are pretty much the norm when it comes to this series, they do at least offer up some very clever set-pieces (a guillotine gag a highlight).

Yet again, however, the curse of overly-convoluted plot strikes the series yet again with characters being introduced seemingly every five minutes, and all of them having a desire to claim the trident.

The film finds itself getting bogged down when a more streamlined and direct plot would have worked far better. The film also manages to undercut a potentially intriguing plot point by offering up a predictable outcome.

However, that said, if you let the film wash over you, then there is plenty to enjoy.

Salazar's Revenge puts the *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise on the right track should they move forward, but it's still a little too leggy and overly-convoluted to truly set sail.

VERDICT: Better than expected, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge* still has its faults – the plot is too overcooked and if Johnny Depp's pirate stylings aren't for you then, you'll find it hard-going – but it regains the sense of fun and excitement that had been in short supply since the first one.

With some satisfying action, this is a film that exceeds (admittedly low) expectations. *Enjoyable*.

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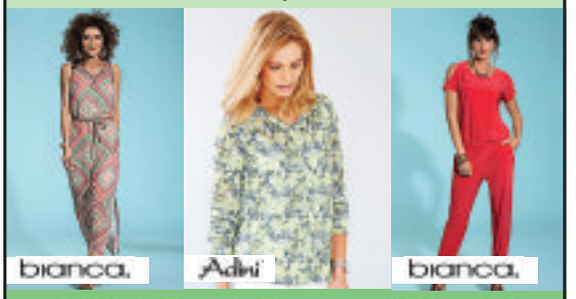

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Councillor's fury at time change to planning meetings

AN independent Sully councillor has slammed the new Conservative-run Vale Council for changing the times of planning meetings because he says it will make it more difficult for the public to attend.

The Conservatives told The GEM there had been concerns that some planning meetings were still sitting beyond 10pm, which did not help good decision-making, adding that officers had requested an earlier time.

Independent councillor Kevin Mahoney had criticised the council for moving planning meetings from the evening to 4pm in the afternoon.

He said: "This typifies why I stand for election to the council – to highlight and expose the hypocrisy of those who have the cheek to be parading around the council offices wearing newly-produced lanyards on their security passes proclaiming boldly the new slogan of 'Open, Together, Ambitious, Proud' while practising the very opposite values."

He said the latest decision on planning meetings would make it more difficult for working members of the public to attend and exercise their democratic right.

"I registered my written concerns several days ago to the new Vale Leader, Coun John Thomas, that members of the public who work may struggle to take time off to attend planning meetings and that they will be severely disadvantaged, but I have not even received the courtesy of a reply as his new administration sanctioned the changes without discussion or a vote.

"It's about time that councillors and officers of the council recognise that they are there to serve the public not the other way around."

Responding to Coun Mahoney's remarks, the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun John Thomas, explained: "Planning meetings recently have tended to go on late into the evening, some beyond 10pm.

"This is not conducive to good decision-making and therefore I agreed to a request from officers to bring the time forward to 4pm.

"I felt that it was important to make this change clear before councillors' names were put up for the planning committee at the annual meeting.

"It should also be noted that all planning meetings are live streamed on the council's website and archived so that they can be viewed at any time in the future."

MAY TEA RAISES MORE THAN JUST SMILES!

FRIENDS and supporters of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC) were joined by the choirs of St Andrew Major Primary School at Murchfield Community Centre for their annual mid-May afternoon tea.

The two choirs from the school entertained the guests with a wide range of music, including some pieces that they sang at the highly successful concert with Vale Voices that was held at St Peter's Church in April in support of DPVC's minibus appeal.

A cheque, for £500, from the Vale Voices Concert was presented to the chairman of DPVC, Coun John Fanshaw, by Julie Green on behalf of Vale Voices.

Julie, a member of staff at St Andrew's, is also the musical director of the school's foundation phase choir and a member of Vale Voices. Coun Fanshaw expressed his gratitude on behalf of DPVC's trustees to the headteacher, staff and pupils of the school, those who contributed cakes and raffle prizes.

He also expressed appreciation to those who helped serve the refreshments and to all who came to support the event which, although mainly a social one, raised £140 for DPVC's services to the community.

To find out more about DPVC call 029 20513700 or you can email us at info@dpvc.org.uk or be friending@dpvc.org.uk

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LOVE GROWS WHERE ROSEMARY GOES...

ROSEMARY arrived at Cats Protection Bridgend when her elderly owner went into care.

Described as a "much-loved pet", apparently found going to the centre "very distressing".

The cat's owner said that Rosemary is a friendly, but lazy feline who likes to sleep at the bottom of the bed. She likes being fussed over, as long as no-one touches her head.

Rosemary spends most of her time indoors, but sometimes will wander out into the garden.

A quiet home with no children or other pets would suit Rosemary best.

For more information about Rosemary, or adopting a cat, call Cats Protection, Bridgend on 01656 724396 or email bridgend@cats.org.uk.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 4) 2017

1. Ar 26 Mai 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 1, 2 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV o Atodlen 9 o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 o Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a ddisgrifir isod:

2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 5 Mehefin 2017 neu ar y dyddiadau y mae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd mewn lle p'un bynnag sydd hwyraf ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 4) 2017"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 5 Mehefin 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwn.

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Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Cynlluniau Arfaethedig i Wahardd Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg

Town Mill Road Y Bont-faen – Map AB27
Ar ben y gogledd-ddwyrain ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd â Phorth y de am 17 metr i'r de-orllewin. yn agos at y cyfyngiad Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg cyfredol.

Ar ben y gogledd-ddwyrain ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Church Road am 25 metr i'r de-orllewin.yn agos at y cyfyngiad Gwahardd Aros Unrhyw Adeg cyfredol.

Ar ochr ogledd-orllewin Town Mill Road o bwynt 38.6 metr i'r de-orllewin o Porth y De am 13.1 metr i'r de-orllewin.

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o bwynt 77 metr i'r de-orllewin o Borth y De am 3 metr i'r de-orllewin.

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o bwynt 88 metr i'r de-orllewin o Borth y De am 5 metr i'r de-orllewin.

Cynnig diddymu Gwahardd Aros Dydd Llun i Ddydd Sadwrn 8am tan 6.30pm.

Town Mill Road Y Bont-faen – Map AB27
Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â River Walk am 153.2 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain.

Cynnig diddymu Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg.

Town Mill Road Y Bont-faen – Map AB27

Ar ben y gogledd-ddwyrain ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd â Phorth De am 6.4 metr i'r de-orllewin.

Ar ben y gogledd-ddwyrain ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Church Road am 26.8 metr.

Cynlluniau Arfaethedig i Ddiddymu Gwaharddiad Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg

Boverton Road – Map AT23
Wrth ymyl y gilfach anabl y tu allan i rif 7 am tua 8m i'r dwyrain

Stallcourt Avenue – Map AT23
Y tu allan i rif 8 Barons Close i'r gogledd am tua 25m

Cynnig diddymu Gwahardd Aros Dydd Llun i Ddydd Sadwrn 8am tan 6.30pm.

Stallcourt Avenue – Map AT23

Ar ochr dwyrain y ffordd (yn agos at y GAUA uchod) y tu allan i rif 8 Barons Close i'r de am tua 17m

Ar ochr gorllewin y ffordd, o'r gyffordd â Boverton Road, i'r de am tua 50m.

Boverton Road – Map AT23

O bwynt sydd y tu allan i rif 7 i'r dwyrain am tua 60 i'r cilfan barcio

Y tu allan i'r siop Filco (ymyl ddwyreiniol y gilfan barcio) i'r dwyrain am tua 25m

Cynnig diddymu 'Cyfyngiad Aros 1 awr' cyfredol Llun-Sad 8am-6.30pm

Boverton Road – Map AT23
Cilfan barcio y tu allan i'r siop Spar

Cynlluniau Arfaethedig i Wahardd Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg

Stallcourt Avenue – Map AT23
Ar ochr y gorllewin o Boverton Road i'r de am tua 15m i gyd-fynd ag ochr gyferbyn y gyffordd

East Street – Map AT23
Rhwng terfyn eiddo Tŷ Compton a Tŷ Kingswood - tua 3m.

Cynnig 'Dim Llwytho Ar Unrhyw Adeg'

Boverton Road – Map AT23
Rhwng ynysoedd canol y cilfannau parcio, (yn agos at flaenau'r siopau) hyd cyfan yr holl ynysoedd canol, tua 28m.

Y tu allan i'r siop Spar am tua 20m ac ar ochr gyferbyn y ffordd o'r siop

Spar, am dua 10m (yn agos at y GAUA wrth gyffordd Stallcourt Avenue)

Cynnig Man Parcio i Bobl Anabl

Boverton Road – Map AT23
Ymestyn marciau mannau parcio i bobl anabl cyfredol, 12m y tu allan i'r toiledau cyhoeddus.

Man Parcio 'Cyfyngiad Aros 2 Awr' Arfaethedig (Llun-Sad 8am - 6.30pm)

East Street – Map AT23
Yn y gilfan sy'n agos at derfyn eiddo meddygfa ddeintyddol i Dŷ Compton tua 21m

Yn y gilfan sy'n agos at derfyn eiddo Tŷ Kingswood gan gynnwys mynedfa i'r ochr - tua 10m

East Street a Boverton Road – Map AT23
Yn y gilfan sy'n agos at derfyn eiddo Tŷ Newton, East Street i rif 1 Boverton Road

Dyddiad: 1 Mehefin 2017.

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)

(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 4) ORDER 2017

1. On the 26th May 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 5th June 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 4) Order 2017"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the

5th June 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

Town Mill Road Cowbridge – Map AB27
At the north-eastern end on the north-western side from the junction with South Gate for a distance of 17 metres in a south-westerly direction contiguous with the existing Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time.

At the north-eastern end on the south-eastern side from the junction with Church Road for a distance of 25 metres in south-westerly direction contiguous with the existing Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time.

On the north-western side of Town Mill Road from a point 38.6 metres south-west of South Gate for a distance of 13.1 metres in a south-westerly direction.

On the north-western side from a point 77 metres south-west of South Gate for a distance of 3 metres in a south-westerly direction.

On the north-western side from a point 88 metres south-west of South Gate for a distance of 5 metres in a south-westerly direction.

Proposed revocation of Prohibition of Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am To 6.30pm.

Town Mill Road Cowbridge – Map AB27
On the south-eastern side from its junction with River Walk for a distance of 153.2 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Proposed revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time.

Town Mill Road Cowbridge – Map AB27
At the north-eastern end on the north-western side from the junction with South Gate for a distance of 6.4 metres in a south-westerly direction.

At the north-eastern end on the south-eastern side from the junction with Church Road for a distance of 26.8 metres.

Proposed revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

Boverton Road – Map AT23
Next to the disabled bay layby outside no.7, for approx 8m in an easterly direction

Stallcourt Avenue – Map AT23
o/s no.8 Barons Close, in a northerly direction for approx 25m

Proposed revocation of Prohibition of Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am To 6.30pm.

Stallcourt Avenue – Map AT23
On the eastern side of the road (contiguous with the above NWAT) o/s no.8 Barons Close in a southerly direction for approx. 17m

On the western side of the road, from the junction of Boverton Road, in a Southerly direction for approx. 50m.

Boverton Road – Map AT23

From a point o/s no.7 in an easterly direction for approx. 60m to the parking layby outside Filco store (eastern edge of the parking layby) in an easterly direction for approx. 25m

Proposed revocation of existing '1 hour Limited Waiting' Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm

Boverton Road – Map AT23
Layby parking area outside the Spar shop

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

Stallcourt Avenue – Map AT23
on its western side from Boverton Road in a southerly direction approx. 15m to match the opposite side of the junction

East Street – Map AT23
Between property boundary of Compton House and Kingswood House – approx.3m.

Proposed 'No Loading at Any Time'

Boverton Road – Map AT23
Between the centre islands of the layby parking areas, (adjacent to the shop frontages) total length for all centre islands, approx 28m.

Outside the Spar shop for approx. 20m and on the opposite side of the road from the Spar shop, for approx 10m (contiguous with the NWAT at the junction of Stallcourt Avenue)

Proposed Disabled Parking Bay

Boverton Road – Map AT23
Extension to existing disabled parking bay markings, 12m outside the public toilets

Proposed '2 Hour Limited Waiting' Parking Bay (Mon-Sat 8am - 6.30pm)

East Street – Map AT23
In the layby adjacent to property boundary dental surgery to Compton house approx. 21m

In the layby adjacent to property boundary Kingswood house including side access – approx. 10m

East Street and Boverton Road – Map AT23
In the layby adjacent to property boundary Newton House, East street to no.1 Boverton Road

Dated this 1st day of June 2017.

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
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Farming unions meet to discuss Brexit

LIVESTOCK representatives from the UK NFUs and the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA) recently met in Belfast to discuss Brexit and the trade implications for the livestock sector.

The organisations agreed it is essential that free trade is maintained between the United Kingdom and the European Union post-Brexit. This must, a spokesperson commented, include securing a soft border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (RoI).

NFU Cymru Livestock Board chairman, Wyn Evans said: "The UK's decision to leave the European Union has brought into focus many issues for the cattle and sheep sector in the UK and RoI. Our countries have strong trade links for both livestock and red meat products and it will be essential we have a free trade agreement in order to secure a healthy future for these vulnerable sectors."

Mr Evans said politicians must take this into consideration during Brexit negotiations.

"Nearly 40 per cent of the UK's beef exports go to RoI while 50 per cent of Irish beef exports are marketed in the UK.

"In terms of sheep, the fact that over 40 per cent of Northern Ireland's lambs are processed in the RoI and 90 per cent of the UK's lamb exports are destined for the European market show that there is a lot hanging on achieving a progressive free trade arrangement."

The unions agree that in order to achieve favourable trading conditions between the UK and EU post-Brexit, there must be equivalent standards for agricultural practices and processing.

"The existing standards that are in place will give us a solid foundation to work from and help ease the negotiating process.

"The UK and Irish farming unions are committed to finding practical solutions that allow for the harmonious trade of livestock and red meat products between the UK and the EU to continue post-Brexit," said Mr Evans.

UHB seeks volunteers

CARDIFF and Vale University Health Board (UHB) is looking for activity volunteers at University Hospital of Wales, University Hospital Llandough, St David's Hospital and Barry Hospital.

A spokesperson said that UHB welcomes volunteering applications from people from all walks of life, including those who have experience of a mental health condition.

They continued: "Whether you can spare a few hours once a week, fortnight or can give a couple of days each month, there are opportunities to suit your availability.

"The board is developing a volunteer programme of activities to support patients on many of the wards and is looking for individuals who would like to share and skills, talents or hobbies to support this programme."

If you are interested in becoming an activity volunteer, contact Michelle Fowler, voluntary services manager on 029 21847867 or email volunteer.enquiries.cav @wales.nhs.uk.

Credit Union information

ARE you a resident of Cardiff or the Vale looking for advice on flexible saving and low interest loans?

Cardiff and Vale Credit Union will be available to chat to on services they offer and help with purchasing electrical and white goods in partnership with Co-op Electrical, with low interest loans.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold a session on Tuesday, June 6 from 10am to 12pm; no appointment is needed, just call in to The Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry and chat to an advisers from the Barry office.

Call 01446 732385 for further information.

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WHAT'S ON WHERE YOU LIVE

Tabletop sale at Holy Cross

A TABLETOP sale will take place at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Saturday, June 3 from 10am – 12pm. Entry free, proceeds to church funds.

Councillors' surgery

RHOOSE Conservative councillors Gordon Kemp and Matt Lloyd will hold a surgery at the Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhoose on Saturday, June 3. No appointment necessary.

Docks Incinerator group to meet

ON Tuesday, June 6 the Docks Incinerator Action Group is holding a public meeting from 7pm to 8.30pm upstairs at the Castleland Community Centre in Barry (CF63 4JZ).

DIAG is looking to recruit more local campaigners to join our group. The Biomass UK No 2 Ltd have also been invited to address residents' concerns.

TIM BIRD

National Trust trip

THERE are a few seats left on the Vale NT trip next Wednesday, June 7 to Greyfriars House and garden, Worcester and nearby Hanbury Hall.

The cost for non members is £17.50, £15 for members, and does not include entry (free for NT members; please remember to bring your NT membership card!).

We have another day trip planned on July 19 to Llanerchaeron, Aberaeron, £12.50 for members and £15 for non members, admission not included.

Please email vofgant@gmail.com with your contact details; cheques payable to VOGANTM c/o The Treasurer at Westcliff, Llanblethian, CF71 7HZ.

St Cadoc's summer fair

St Cadoc's Church, known locally as The Old Village Church, Cadoxton, has its summer fair on June 10 from 2pm onward. Entry 20p.

Barry Brass Band will be playing throughout the afternoon and there will be plenty of stalls, games, raffles and refreshments to keep the whole family happy.

All money goes to church funds for restoration projects.

Coffee at the Tabernacl

A COFFEE morning will be held at Tabernacl Hall (Derwen Road, Bridgend) on Saturday, June 10 from 10am to 12pm. Admission £2 to include a Welsh cake and cup of tea/coffee, with tickets at the door.

Proceeds will be donated to the chapel charities for this year, which include The Leprosy Society, Wales Air Ambulance and Noah's Ark.

Welcome to all. Croeso i bawb.

Epilepsy Wales group

IF you have a form of epilepsy, or are a carer or relative of someone with this condition, support is available from Epilepsy Wales.

A local support group meets monthly on Thursdays at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop from 10am to 12 pm.

This is a drop-in for coffee and a chat and to find out what support is available. Come along to this support group or call 01446 732385 for further information.

'Hims and Arias' at Bonvilston

THE male voice choir Hims and Arias (formerly the Minnesingers) will perform at Zoar Church, Bonvilston, under musical director Meryn Williams on Thursday, June 15 at 7pm.

No charge for admission, collection on behalf of Christian Aid Philippines appeal 'Typhoon of Love'. Audience members can park in adjoining field.

Coity summer fete

ON Saturday, July 1 from 1pm to 5pm the Coity Village Association will hold its annual fete. Admission adults £2, children under 12 admitted free.

Come for an afternoon of family fun with children's entertainment, craft stalls, bar and grill, bouncy castles, cake stalls, tombola, live music and much, much more.

All profit made from the event will be donated to Ellie's SDR Journey. This fete draws crowds from all over Bridgend, so come along and enjoy what promises to be another great event in the Village Association's calendar.

Princess Royal is guest of honour at Women In Wales luncheon

ABOVE: HRH The Princess Royal.

HRH The Princess Royal was guest of honour at the 25th Women in Wales Lunch raising funds for Save the Children.

In the largest-ever lunch, 500 women helped raise a record sum of more than £25,000 at the SSE Swalec Stadium, with Cath Kidston, the businesswoman who turned roses into riches applauded as the guest speaker.

Its inaugural event 25 years ago was held for 100 women in the Marriott Hotel and over the years this lunch has been held in various locations – the Angel Hotel, the Coal Exchange, City Hall and for the past four years in the SSE SWALEC stadium.

In 2016 Women in Wales became a registered charity and continues to raise funds for Save the Children, mainly supporting child poverty projects in Wales.

The Hon Dame Shan Legge-Bourke DCVO was there in her role as the charity's patron, along with ambassadors Sian Lloyd BBC correspondent, Alison Tod couture milliner, Andrea Byrne ITV news anchor, Denise Rich commercial director, Media Wales and Jenny Ogwen Williams, a former Women in Wales committee member.

"We were also especially honoured that in recognition of 25 years' fundraising for Save the Children in Wales, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal joined us for the reception this year," added Rachel Thomas, chair of Women in Wales.

Sponsors and programme advertisers play a key role in the lunch's fundraising. They have been many and varied over the 24 years and past headline sponsors have included Honda, Canon, Barclays, Dunraven and Bluestone National Resort.

"It was wonderful news that Bluestone National Resort was our headline sponsor again for 2017 and JCP Solicitors agreed to be the support sponsor," said vice chair Jayne James.

Other sponsors included Coast & Country Holidays, Admiral, Howells School, GoCompare, Eversheds Sutherland, Sinclair Group, Bevan and Buckland, Pili Pala, SSE SWALEC stadium and Princes Gate.

Cadets from the Military Preparation Training College were on hand once again to help with the organisational effort.

There was musical entertainment from string quartet Aderyn and the Gershwin gang.

Fashion was also a key feature at the lunch with a capsule show from four leading Welsh boutiques, Loulou – Pyle, Solo – Mumbles, Ededa J – Newcastle Emlyn and Boutique 53 – Cardiff.

The famous Women in Wales Auction started 20 years ago in the Coal Exchange, initially just with signed books; since then it has developed considerably, and now is a major part of the money raised.

The raffle also added to the charity total with more than 50 prizes collected.

Funds raised from the 2017 Luncheon will help support the Save the Children Eat, Sleep, Learn, Play programme in Wales.

If you would like to support our future event or just wish to find out more about Women in Wales visit www.womeninwales.org.uk. For regular up to date news you can follow us on Facebook.

JJ

A fun bank holiday camp for the 1st Penmark Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Fun with the fire service.

THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Cub scout group took part in a bank holiday district camp at Ysgol y Deri where they joined Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from Cardiff and Vale District.

The Cubs took part in, among other activities, archery, shooting, sumo wrestling, bouncy castles, jousting, circus skills and arts and crafts.

The Cub leader had car problems just before the camp and the Vale Garage stepped in to help by loaning a van, so a big thank you to them.

Cubs have also taken part in a hike, visited St Peter's Church to look at how disability friendly it is, and tried archery and fire lighting.

Scouts visited Cardiff Airport's fire station and learnt about the work they do, as well as trying on uniforms and spraying water.

They spent an evening at their camp in Coed Hills woodland. It was the first visit of the year, so there was some foliage clearing up to do.

Sumo wrestling was a fun activity.

The Beavers have been finding out facts about animals, gathering bits and pieces from the great outdoors to create wild art.

They have had a sleep over at the hut where they erected tents to sleep in, tried some archery and, of course, played lots of games.

The group also had a successful work day clearing a lot of foliage around Penkerry hut and clearing the back area. Thanks to those who turned up to help, it has made a massive difference and made the area much nicer for the Scouts to use.

The annual general meeting followed the work day and the group gained an additional executive member. A spokesperson said: lThe group always needs more members, so if you would like to help on the executive committee or with a section occasionally, please get in touch. "

Contact Gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk for further information.

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National Glaucoma Awareness Week

June 5th - 11th 2017

'Take action for sight': that's how to keep glaucoma at bay

AS part of this year's National Glaucoma Awareness Week, from June 9 to June 15, the International Glaucoma Association (IGA) is urging people to take 'Action for Sight'.

The Action for Sight campaign will encourage people, particularly at-risk groups, to have regular eye tests.

As one of the leading causes of preventable blindness, glaucoma presents no early symptoms and it's often reached an advanced stage at the time a person recognises that there is a problem with their eyes.

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EARLY DIAGNOSIS KEY SAY JONES & JONES

CHRONIC glaucoma affects two per cent of the population over the age of 40, increasing to over 10 per cent for those aged 75 or older.

There are about 500,000 people in England and Wales with glaucoma, and about 70 million worldwide, making it one of the leading causes of blindness.

Unfortunately, there are no symptoms until extensive, irreversible damage to the optic nerve has occurred, resulting in unrecoverable vision loss, and it is estimated that up to 50 per cent of people with glaucoma are undiagnosed.

Frustratingly, needless blindness from glaucoma can be easily averted as it can often be treated with simple eye drops. The key to successful treatment is early diagnosis. To increase your chance of being diagnosed early, you should have a sight test at least every two years – or more frequently if you have a first degree relative with glaucoma.

There are three basic tests used to screen for glaucoma, and for some patients it may be available on the NHS; for others, there will be a charge.

Even then, a basic sight test can often only detect glaucoma when substantial nerve damage has already occurred.

Fortunately, at Jones & Jones Optometrists, Dr Adrian Jones has a special interest in glaucoma and holds the College of Optometrists Higher Diploma in the diagnosis and management of glaucoma.

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Glaucoma is the name given to a group of eye conditions that cause damage to the optic nerve leading to permanent loss of vision.

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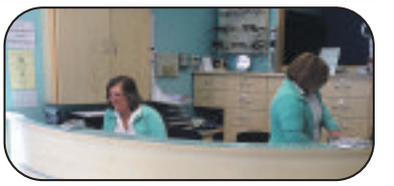

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BIG BLAST INVISIBLE GLAUCOMA

Taking action to fight the danger of 'symptomless' glaucoma

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20)

Early diagnosis is absolutely critical, as over 90 per cent of individuals diagnosed with glaucoma at an early stage will retain a useful level of sight for life.

Despite this, it's estimated more than half of cases remain undetected in the UK, and once sight is lost, it cannot be restored.

The IGA is supporting the campaign in the following ways:

The launch of new research into general awareness and understanding of glaucoma.

Awareness packs distributed through a range of channels.

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The GEM teams up with Bro Radio to let you know what's going on in your area!

THE GEM will be hitting the airwaves starting this Thursday, as your favourite free weekly newspaper teams up with Bro Radio to let you know what's going on in your area.

Each Thursday Gareth Jamieson will be appearing on Geoff Selby's 10am-12noon show, letting Bro Radio listeners know what they can find in their weekly GEM and talking about the latest and the biggest news in the area.

Gareth Sweeney, station manager of Bro Radio said: "It's fantastic that we have been able to strike up this partnership with The GEM. Just like Bro, the paper is very much community-focused and aims to provide local and reliable news for the Vale and its residents. This new feature will only enhance the services that the radio station and the newspaper has to offer."

If you have a news story then we'd love to hear from you. Email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call us on 01446 774484.

You can listen to Bro Radio on 98.1FM, via their website broradio.fm and on the TuneIn Radio app.

'Lack of funding is a key issue in the Vale' SAYS COUNCILLOR

I am sure that many residents have been inundated with election leaflets from all political parties over the last week in preparation for the general election.

I note that Alun Cairns has claimed on one of his leaflets what he has done to bring Aston Martin to St Athan and Qatar Airways to Cardiff Airport when it was actually the Welsh Government who led on this and certainly not the Westminster Government.

Another claim by Mr Cairns was the regeneration of Barry Island; however, once again this work was done by the Vale Council with funding from the Welsh Government; of course, the only part Mr Cairns actually played was to watch the fair arrive at Barry Island and to grab a ride on the dodgems.

Representing residents is not about grabbing the glory for issues dealt with by others and pictures in the newspaper claiming what you have not done, but working hard within your remit for the people in your constituency.

If Mr Cairns is looking for something to do, I suggest he looks to increase the funding for our police force in the Vale, which is desperately underfunded.

My mailbox is always full of complaints about the lack of policing in the area and this is simply down to lack of funding. It is a serious situation across Wales and must not be overlooked.

For a long time Mr Cairns has promised fairer funding for the Vale. Well, the time has come for action from Westminster. Funding for our police and better funding for local government, make these your top priorities.

The Conservatives are promising much for Wales but from my past experience it means very little. All we can expect is the poor will get less and the rich more, with some poor soul missing out on her winter fuel payment while our MPs increase their expenses.

Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major

Conservative parliamentary candidate Alun Cairns responded:

The arrival of Aston Martin to the former Ministry of Defence hangar in St Athan is great news for the Vale economy.

Having worked very closely with Aston Martin chief executive Andy Palmer and the Secretary of State for Defence Michael Fallon to hand over the MoD site, I have seen at close hand the major opportunities that will develop in the area in addition to the hundreds of jobs that will be created.

Likewise, I have continued to champion air routes to Wales with a number of major airlines. I personally met with the chief executive of Qatar Airways, Akbar Al Baker, at a UK Government-Qatar summit in March to make the case for a route to Cardiff Airport and was therefore delighted to see this route recently announced.

Like the revival of Barry Island, the scrapping of Severn Bridge tolls and a number of projects still to be announced, I am confident that Barry and the Vale will continue to attract major employers in a growing national and local economy that can support strong public services.

Since my election in 2010, I have championed Barry and the rest of the Vale as a great area to live and work.

If I am re-elected on 8 June, I will continue to champion and stand up for our local community.

Met Office explains 'heavenly fireworks'

WERE you woken by a massive thunderclap early on Saturday morning, May 27?

If so, you missed the main attraction – at least half an hour of continuous, silent lightning flashes of varying colours and intensities before the thunderstorm started.

The phenomenon was so unusual that one GEM reader in Dinas Powys, who happened to be awake at 3.30am and witnessed the 'heavenly fireworks', contacted the Met Office to find out what had been going on.

The lightning was visible throughout south and west Wales and the West Country.

A Met Office official, who was based in Exeter, told him: "Yes, it was pretty impressive here last night at around 1am. Incredible lightning intensity.

"The lack of sound could be attributed to the fact that there was a lot of 'in-cloud' lightning as well as cloud to ground and sound can travel upwards.

"Sometimes lightning may be seen but there is no thunder heard. This is either because thunder is rarely heard more than 20 kilometres away or because the atmospheric conditions lead to sound 'bending upwards' and away from the surface.

"The intensity of the lightning over Devon and Cornwall was something I have never witnessed, and could be linked to a moderate amount of Saharan dust in the atmosphere which could act as a seed for raindrops or ice."

WI looks back on a busy year...

THE annual meeting of St Nicholas WI took place this month and was attended by WI advisor Jane Excell.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and reports given by retiring president Fran Mitchell and by retiring secretary Janet Hayes.

The financial statement showing a healthy state of affairs was given by treasurer Carole Saunders.

It was a pleasure to be reminded of all the interesting events which had taken place in the past year, from raising funds for Denman, a fashion show and enjoying a variety of speakers on a wide range of subjects.

Members have taken part in events organised by Glamorgan Federation, too. Vivienne Hayes gave us a detailed report of the spring conference in Port Talbot and the four members who accompanied her enjoyed very much the excellent speakers; Dame Rosemary Butler, lately presiding officer at the Welsh Assembly, and Helen Sharman, the first British astronaut.

Both speakers epitomised all that the WI stands for – women inspiring women.

After a break for a fish and chip supper, the election of new president Janet Hayes took place. The committee remains unchanged apart from the resignation of Wendy Jones, who will be much missed.

After a very successful time as president, Fran Mitchell became our new secretary.

This was followed by a talk by Jane Excell, explaining various aspects of the constitution. She congratulated us on running a successful group of 31 members and welcomed Vivienne Hayes, who has just commenced her training to become a WI advisor.

The meeting closed with the traditional plant sale to raise funds. This was our last meeting in St Nicholas Church Hall, sadly, due to its sale; and after considering other venues, it was decided to hold future meetings in Bonvilston Reading Room on the A48, commencing June 1 at 7pm.

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'Manchester vigil was not political' – says organiser

BEING in Bridgend on Wednesday, I decided to attend the vigil for the attack in Manchester.

I was surprised, actually quite dismayed, that the event turned into an electioneering opportunity for two Parliamentary candidates, Madeleine Moon and Chris Elmore, both Labour.

These two are contesting seats in Bridgend, but neither actually represents anyone any more since Parliament was dissolved, so why were they permitted to speak, especially when at least one elected representative, the AM Suzy Davies, was there?

I spotted a number of other Parliamentary candidates from across the political spectrum, none of whom spoke publicly, none of whom wanted to. I believed, as did many others, that the vigil was above politics.

Mrs Moon and Mr Elmore were granted a platform to promote themselves when the rest of the body politic had called a halt to overt or covert electioneering.

Their exploration of the event and by extension the murders of 22 people was cynical and, frankly, disgusting.

Alasdair Forbes,
Fonmon.

GEM NOTE:
The vigil was organised by local radio DJ Lee Jukes. Here is his response:

The Bridgend vigil for Manchester was that, a vigil.

An evening to remember the people who were sadly killed on Monday, May 22, in Manchester. It was a chance to stand together in solidarity and in no way a political event.

The evening was organised personally by myself and a few friends and had nothing to do with Bridge FM. It was something that I felt was needed.

I was contacted by a listener to my Drivetime show and a few Facebook friends asking if we could hold a vigil in Bridgend.

I decided that we should and that it needed to be organised quickly to keep a sense of urgency. We turned around the organisation within 24 hours and invited people mostly via Facebook.

Messages were sent out to choirs, groups and organisations asking them if they would like to speak. The Maternal Harmony Choir from the Princess of Wales Hospital sang for us and various speakers said words.

Anyone could have spoken at the event, providing they let us know that they wanted to speak before the event started.

This was stated via Facebook and in a message sent to the organisations invited beforehand.

The speakers on the evening were the people who let us know that they wanted to speak and included Owain White, chair of Bridgend's Hospital Radio, Suleman Hawas from the Glamorgan Muslim Association, 15-year-old Lowri Lewis from Tondu, Rev Rachel Wheeler, Chris Elmore and Madeleine Moon. These people stated that they wanted to speak before we started the vigil and they did.

I'd like to thank over 200 members of public who came along to show support for the people affected by the atrocity in Manchester and remind people that this was an event to show love, support and solidarity and nothing else.

Lee Jukes.

AM's concern for 2,000 patients after GP resigns

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has challenged ABMU health board for details about the resources being made available to two GP practices in the Porthcawl area which are likely to get up to 1,000 extra patients each after the closure of another GP surgery.

Patients currently with Dr Tim Eales are being dispersed from June 30 to either the Portway Surgery in Porthcawl or the North Cornelly Surgery. Patients can choose which one to register with and there are no limits on how many each can take.

But Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative Regional AM, said she was worried because no information has been provided by the board about the nature of extra resources being made available to cater for additional patients in each practice.

She said: "Dr Eales, who is terminating his GP contract with the board, has just under 2,000 patients.

"Patients are making their choice known at the moment to the board but there is no way of knowing if the numbers will be distributed evenly or if there will be greater demand for one surgery over the other.

"The board have not specified what extra resources may be available to these practices and I have written to them to ask for more information on specific issues.

"So far I have only had a generic e-mail and I expect more information if I am to represent my constituents properly.

"I know that this situation is of nobody's choosing, but patients need reassurance that when they transfer, their new practice will be able to allocate appointments in a timely fashion and that there will be sufficient staff, including doctors, available.

"These practices already have to cater for the doubling of Porthcawl's population during the summer season, with all the visitors who stay in the town, and having one fewer GP practice to take some of the strain is a factor that also needs careful consideration."

Southerndown Cricket Club welcomes crowd

THE joint partnership of Southerndown Cricket and Social Club and Great Western Cricket Club has seen the pavilion renovated, to provide a focal point for the village, and the return of league cricket.

The off season has seen volunteers return to the ground and assist in improvements to the pavilion.

Saturday saw another win for the home team in the South Wales League but also saw supporters enjoying a day's cricket in often cool and overcast conditions.

The order of the day was a glass of wine and barbecue while children played on the field edge.

A major supporter of the project is local community councillor, Jill Needham, who along with her mother turned up to enjoy both the atmosphere and the club's offerings.

The club is always interested in attracting new members, who will always be made welcome. If you're interested in playing for the club contact team captain, Ian Keen on 07817 809800.

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ELECTION ADVERTISEMENT

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'A real voice for the Vale of Glamorgan'

'Rising number of foodbanks in the Vale of Glamorgan is a modern-day scandal' says Camilla Beaven

'The fact that so many rely on Foodbanks is a modern-day scandal'

I am standing in the General Election because I am angry. I am angry that we have had seven years of Tory austerity. Seven years of a meaner, smaller, poorer world. I don't want to live in a world, where the most vulnerable and poorest people are hit the hardest by harsh Tory cuts.

I am appalled by the increasing number of - and need for - Foodbanks in the Vale of Glamorgan. Who would have believed a few years ago that there would be foodbanks in Barry, Dinas Powys, St Athan and Llantwit Major? The fact that so many families rely on Foodbanks and that so many children would go hungry without them, is a modern-day scandal.

It is clear that the Tory cuts to disability and bereavement benefits have hit the most vulnerable in our society and that pensioners are next on their hit list.

I don't want to live in that world. I want to do something about it. We need a new vision, a more positive vision. A vision with compassion and hope. This is what Welsh Labour Government is delivering every single day. We need that in Westminster, too.

I am proud of the Welsh Labour Government's record in the Vale of Glamorgan. It has secured Cardiff Airport and Aston Martin to boost the local economy, regenerated Barry, opened railway stations in Rhoose and Llantwit Major, funded new medical practices and invested in affordable housing with Help to Buy and Extra Care at Golau Cardig.

'This isn't just any election - this is my home' says Camilla Beaven

'The people and the places in the Vale have helped shape me'

Camilla Beaven has lived in the Vale of Glamorgan for most of her life. She grew up in Barry and Cowbridge and has a background in autism and special needs.

Camilla is a school governor in the Vale and works with Jane Hutt AM – fighting every day for the most vulnerable and standing up for people right across the Vale.

'I have worked for Jane for the past seven years. I have handled a diverse range of casework and campaigns. I know the Vale of Glamorgan and the issues which most worry residents, like the back of my hand.

'This isn't just any election. This is my home. I am standing here because I want to give something back to the people and places that have helped shape me.'

Camilla Standing up for Women in the Vale

'Camilla with WASPI campaigner Kay Clarke at Cardiff protest'

As a young woman, I do not believe that the Conservatives stand up for me. Women have been hit harder by the Conservative party's austerity agenda than men. From cuts to tax credits to caps on and cuts to benefits, women have been disproportionately affected.

A lack of diversity in politics remains a big problem. Through working in politics in the Vale I have met and worked with many young women who are engaged and enthusiastic about making a difference. I would be privileged to represent them and to be a voice for people who want to see change and a government which listens and cares.

We need to continue to fight to ensure that every voice is heard and represented. That is why I am delighted to support a coffee morning organised by Jane Hutt and the WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) campaigners to spread the word about the injustice done to women born in the 1950s as a result of changes to the State Pension Law.

More than 2.5 million women born in the 1950s had their state pension age changed without fair notification. These women deserve both recognition for the injustice and some kind of compensation for their loss.

I have worked alongside Jane Hutt AM in supporting Kay Clarke and the WASPI campaign for those women most affected by the Conservative Pension changes. We want fair transnational state pension arrangements and pension justice for women.

Please come along to the coffee morning to meet me and to talk to the WASPI campaign women about their fight for justice. The coffee morning is being held at Highlight Park Community Centre on Saturday 3 June from 10-12noon.

Camilla Beaven will stand up for Policing in the Vale

Policing in the Vale was a common theme while campaigning in Llantwit Major where the police station closed to the public last year

People in the Vale are fed up that the Conservatives broke their promise to protect the police. Tory cuts to police funding have resulted in 20,000 fewer police officers and police stations across the Vale being closed to the public.

I have spoken to people in Llantwit Major and Cowbridge, where police stations closed last year, who are furious with the reduced police presence we have in the Vale.

I am proud the Welsh Labour Government has funded an additional 500 Community Support Officers across Wales – fulfilling a Labour 2011 election pledge.

As your Labour MP, I will support Labour's pledge to fund an additional 10,000 police officers – some 853 of these will come to Wales, many to the Vale. I will do all I can to ensure that you and your families are safe and that victims of crime are supported.

Jane Hutt AM backs Camilla Beaven: Politics with Compassion

We need a strong voice for the Vale in Westminster. I am backing Camilla because I know she is a principled and compassionate young woman. She has shown her determination to offer her skills and experience to public service in the Vale. She brings youth, vitality, compassion and commitment to her work in the Vale.

Camilla pledges to keep the foxhunting ban

I am horrified by Theresa May's pledge to end the ban on foxhunting. This so-called sport has no place in a civilised society. A Labour government ended fox hunting, deer hunting and hare coursing. Only a Labour Government will maintain the bans. If elected, I will vote against repealing the ban on fox hunting.

Camilla's pledges to the people of the Vale of Glamorgan

- **A Fair Deal for Pensioners**
  Labour will keep the pension triple lock, the free bus pass and guarantee pension justice for women who've lost out
- **A Fair Deal for Workers**
  Labour will boost pay with a £10 an hour minimum wage and offer extra support for carers
- **A Fair Deal for our Police and Armed Forces**
  Labour will support our armed forces, police and security services to ensure our safety at home and abroad
- **A Fair Deal in investment and infrastructure**
  Labour will deliver the investment in the economic projects that Wales needs to prosper: renewable energy, rail and Metro systems
- **A Fair Deal for the Vale of Glamorgan**
  I will stand up for the Constituency that has shaped me and bring compassion and vitality to the role

Promoted by Conway Hawkins on behalf of Camilla Beaven both at 115 High Street, Barry, CF62 7DT

Glorious weather for Dinas Powys ladies tournament

WHAT glorious weather on a Sunday afternoon!

After three years of postponing the annual Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club ladies tournament, we managed to get five rounds of this 'American-style' tournament played with no delays.

The age range and ability was reflected some excellent tennis and, once again two new winners.

After the main tournament, the final was played between the winner of the blue section with playing the runner-up of the pink section – Georgie Collins and Beth Munroe Morris – against the two other winners and runners-up, Libby Smith and Michelle Meddins.

Georgie and Beth were the ultimate winners – well done to both.

Many thanks to Debbie Rose and her helpers for encouraging many team members to play and giving the 'ordinary' members some good tennis for two hours.

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Murch slip to Llantwit loss

ON Wednesday, May 24, the Murch Bowling Club visited Llantwit Major Bowling Club.

It was a beautiful evening and the green was in excellent condition.

Despite a victory for the Murch rink led by Mark Hughes, the club captain, the Murch lost on the other three rinks skipped for Llantwit by G.Jones, S. Booker and N. Young. The final score was Llantwit 93, Murch 44.

It was a competitive match but played in a friendly atmosphere and everyone had a pleasant evening with splendid hospitality offered by the home club.

Anyone interested in learning to bowl should contact the Murch Bowling club on 02920 513396 where free tuition is available.

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Barry and District league results

Crib Division 1

League table points: Rhoose Social 205, Liberals 192, Moors Boys 185, Wyndham Cons 178, West End 168, West End Runaways 167, Cadoxton Cons 165.

Skittles Division 1

Allsorts 6, Slammers1;
Rhoose Social A 5, Liberals A 2;
Cambrian Flyers 1, Barries Boys 6;
Liberals C 2, King William XII 5;
Rhoosters 1, Rhoose Social C 6;
Rhoose Social B 1, West End D 6;
West End C 5, Rugby Club 2.

League table points: West End D 126.0, West End C 123.0, King William XII1 17.0, Allsorts 115.0, Sea View B 115.0, Rhoose Social C 107.5, Slammers 96.0, Rhoosters 93.0, Barries Boys 92.5, Rugby Club 90.5, Rhoose Social B 82.0, Liberals C 80.5, Cambrian Flyers 77.0, Rhoose Social A 77.0, Liberals A 71.0.

Snooker Division 1

Rhoose Social C 0, Harbour B 5;
Cadoxton Cons B 3, Cadoxton Cons Z 2;
Savoy A 4, Wyndham Cons A 1;
Penarth Cons A 1, West End C 4
Penarth Cons B 3, Services Social B 2.

League table points: Harbour B121, *Savoy A 108, Cadoxton Cons Z 90, West End C 77, Wyndham Cons A 76, Cadoxton Cons B 72, Penarth Cons A 63, Rhoose Social B 62, Services Social B 53, Penarth Cons B 49, Rhoose Social C 46.

Snooker division 2

Wyndham Cons C 2, Wyndham Cons D 3;
Harbour A 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2;
Savoy B 5, Sully Sports A 0;
West End B 3, Market Street B 2;
Market Street C 3, Liberators 2.

League table points: Savoy B 94, Liberators 91, Market Street B 87, Harbour A 83, Wyndham Cons C 83, Cadoxton Cons A 79, Market Street C 77, West End B 69, Wyndham Cons D 57, Sully Sports A 53, West End A 52.

*** = points deducted.**

All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk or Facebook on search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

BUSY WEEKEND AT WENVOE CASTLE GC

Meirion Evans.

Ladies open first place home team.

Ladies open visitors runners-up.

A very busy weekend of competition golf at Wenvoe Castle teed off on Friday with the well-supported ladies open day, which attracted golfers from clubs throughout the region and beyond.

It coincided with probably the hottest temperatures of the year but a gentle breeze created very pleasant playing conditions on a course that maintained its reputation of being one of the best in in the principality.

The competition was a team format, with prizes for the top scores for both home players and visitors.

The winning home team was Brenda Tomczyck, Tina Church and Lesley Arnold with an impressive score of 82 points. In second place were Linda Marples, Mags Lewis and Sian Thomas, who were a single point behind with 81 points.

The winning visitors' team was Anne Fernandez-Lewis, Bethan Griffiths and Sian Jones from Creigiau Golf Club, who played well to score 80 points on an away course.

They won in a tight finish on countback from Cheryl Henderson, Steph Bonner and Carolyn McKenzie who also posted 80 points.

In parallel with the main competition there were several other prizes on offer and Yvonne Higginbottom (Glamorganshire Golf Club) won the nearest the pin contest with a shot landing just 54 inches from the hole.

Sarah Jones of Gog Magog Golf Club won the longest drive and Anne Fernandez-Lewis, Thelme Davies, Yvonne Higgingbottom and Brenda Tomczyck all scored a two and shared a haul of balls.

Lady captain Helen Hughes thanked all the members and visitors for supporting the highly-popular event and special thanks to the green staff for their presentation of the course.

The efforts of the members who manned the registration desk, the halfway house and starters were appreciated and Wendy Motton was specially thanked for the excellent organisation of the day.

On Saturday, Meirion Evans posted the top score to win the Renwick Seniors competition and will see his name on the honours board while Nick James returned the best score of 42 points in the Youngers Stableford.

Nick, now back in the amateur ranks after a spell on the professional circuit, showed his remarkable ability in posting seven birdies in a score of just 66 strokes around a very challenging golf course.

On Sunday, Pat Regan won the June Medal with a net 69 just ahead of Howard Hitchcock on 70, who played the shot of the day to score a two on the 297-yard fourth hole.

The long weekend was completed with the well-supported mixed competition which was won by Wendy Motton and Russell Owens with an excellent score of 45 points.

The trophy for the long-standing competition was donated by former member Betty Broadbent, who would have been absolutely delighted to see her very good friend Wendy win the competition for the first time and coincidentally win it on her birthday.

The Wenvoe Castle Choir gave a decent chorus of happy birthday to round of an excellent weekend of golf and celebrations.

BJ

Local boxers impress at charity event

THE Cambrian Club, Rhoose was a superb venue for the latest Llantwit Major Boxing Club charity event, held on Saturday, May 20.

The setting was incredible with the scaffolding and water proof covering over the ring area. There was also a giant gazebo for the spectators. The charity event was in aid of a local Rhoose charity, A Price on a Life.

Matchmaker and coach Micky Dixon made nine excellent contests for the well-attended event.

One to watch for the future, Llantwit Major's nine-year-old Tom Collins, started the afternoon boxing against Callum Jones of Bridgend Boxing Club.

The two boys boxed very well in front of the public who were at ringside. All the bouts for the afternoon event were sparring bouts with no decisions.

The best bout of the day went to the ladies, with Eleri Sheehan and Zoe Kelland, both of Llantwit Major Boxing Club, showing bags of determination and skill.

The crowd enjoyed this one, and the girls did very well in their first exhibition bout.

The rest of the bouts were also contested at a good standard for exhibition boxing bouts.

The club would like to thank Nigel, proprietor of the Cambrian Club, for his help and sponsorship; also we would like to thank the local public who gave generously to the raffle, auction and individual boxers sponsorship.

The club would also like to pay a special mention to scaffolder Danny Munn for providing the waterproof covering for the ring, and also his generous donation.

If you would like to come and join our friendly boxing club please contact Tony Meakin on 07933641497 or find us on Facebook under Llantwit Major Amateur Boxing Club.

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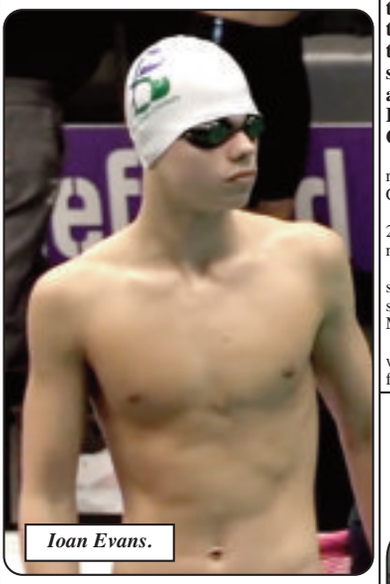
Rebecca Sutton.

Commonwealth Games to showcase skills of Porthcawl school pupils!



Ioan Evans.

PORTHCAWL Comprehensive School are currently blessed with many elite athletes across a multitude of different sports, but the duo of Rebecca Sutton and Ioan Evans are set to make a huge splash this summer in the world of swimming.

Both Porthcawl pupils have been selected recently to compete for Wales in the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas this July.

For Rebecca this will be her second 'Commonwealths' and she is hoping to improve on her two silver medals from last year.

Her exploits from last summer have helped her into the GB future potential team with her long term sights set firmly on the Olympic Games in 2020.

With mentors such as Welsh Olympic silver medallist Jazz Carlin on her team, we could have another Olympian from our school again very soon.

Not to be overshadowed, fellow Porthcawl pupil Ioan Evans' rise to swimming stardom has been astronomical this year.

Currently ranked number one in GB for his age group for the 1,500m freestyle, and Welsh Long Course junior record holder, Ioan will also be one to keep a close eye on, and at the tender age of 15 will be competing against athletes four years his senior!

Unsurprisingly this rising star also has his sights set firmly on Tokyo 2020.

Everyone at Porthcawl Comprehensive School is extremely proud of Rebecca and Ioan and look forward to reporting on their exploits in the Bahamas. Good luck from everyone!

ANDREW STRADLING
Head of PE

Debbie and Lil win open pairs!

PICTURED above from right to left are Mrs Liz Anderson, the ladies secretary, presenting this year's open pairs winners shield to Mrs Debbie Taylor and Mrs Lil Martin at Bridgend Municipal Bowling Club.

Seen also in the photo are the runners-up Mr Wynne Walters and Mrs Carol Phillips.

The competition was played among 24 member competitors on a round-robin, knockout basis.

Players commenced bowling on all six rinks of the bowling green simultaneously at 10am on Sunday, May 28.

Lunch was served in the pavilion when those who had reached the semi-finals were announced.

An exciting final was eventually held that afternoon watched by those who had been knocked out in the early rounds plus member supporters seen applauding in the background of this photo.

The final was played over nine ends and the score was nine shots to each pair on the ninth end!

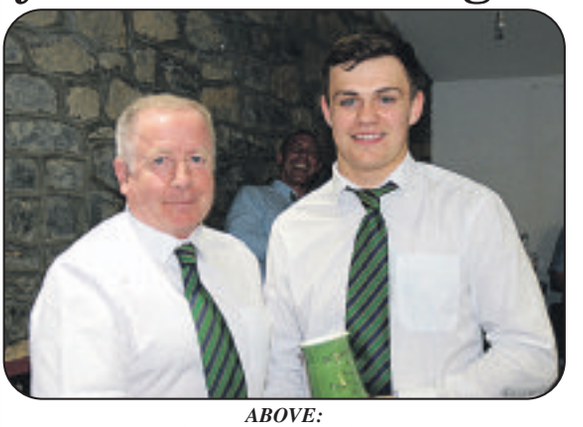
An extra end had to be played when Lil Martin and Debbie Taylor won by one shot. It was a day enjoyed by all with refreshments provided throughout the day.

One of the bystanders was overheard praising the standard of play which indeed was excellent.

The club are looking to recruit new members both in the ladies and men's sections. Further details can be found on the club's website, bridgendmbc.co.uk.

GC

Bridgend Athletic youth awards night



ABOVE:
Rags player of the year Joe Grabham was presented with his award by Kevin Gamble.

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Lee Grabham then summed up the evening by thanking his fellow team of John, Kevin and Keith. Tokens of appreciation also went to physios Steve Bassett, Rod Davies and Dr Richard Zielinski and match day helpers Martin Willis and Adam Durlucia.

Photographer John Cannon, who presented each of the players with an illustrated team photo, which will also hang in the clubhouse, was also thanked for publicising the season with great pictures on the club website.

Lee finalised the evening by wishing the players who are progressing to senior rugby – nine have already tasted first team rugby - all the best with their future careers, while emphasising the Ath have always encouraged those with exceptional talents to progress.

Lee himself was once in that category, but soon realised his real enjoyment and greatest satisfaction and memories were derived from returning to play with his mates in an Ath side that won successive promotions from Division Four to Division One of the old leagues.

AB

A team player of the year Jonathan Taylor

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HESLOP
Joan (née Davis)

Peacefully on May 27 at Llandough Hospital, Joan, aged 92 years of Courtlands Park Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Albert Frederick. A loved mother of Geraldine, Adrienne and mother-in-law of Barrie and Peter. Cherished grandmother of Dawn, Sharon, Richard, James and great grandmother of Nicholas, Alex, William, Callum, Lily and great great grandmother to Layla. Sister-in-law to Olive.

Joan will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Tuesday, 6 June. Service in the chapel at 1.45pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Cancer Research and British Heart Foundation.

TREMLETT
Gladys Cynthia (Glad)

Peacefully, in the presence of her family, on May 23 at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, Gladys Cynthia (Glad), aged 102 years. Previously of Elan Close, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Trevor. Dearly loved mother of John, Chris and mother-in-law of Pat and Lisbeth. Cherished grandmother of David and Louisa, Nicholas and Renate, Amanda and Cato and great grandmother of Poppy, Daisy, Lucas, Liam, Eira and Alma.

Glad will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Monday, June 5. Service at All Saints Church, Barry at 2pm. Afterwards, cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. If desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Parkinson's Disease. The family wish to thank College Fields for the great, tender and loving care given to Glad.

PARSONS
Terence William (Terry)

Peacefully on May 25 at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Terence William (Terry), aged 75 years of Maes Glas, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Margaret Joy. Dearly loved father of Julia, Alison, Kate and father-in-law of Tim, Pete and Alison's partner Colin. Cherished grandfather of Luke, Callum, Kieran, Connor, Laurie and Brooke. Loving brother of Selwyn and the late Carl. Brother-in-law of Cynthia and Bill.

Terry will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends .

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent until the funeral on Wednesday, June 7. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, where family and friends please meet 11am.

HARRISON
Peter

Peacefully on May 21 at Barry Hospital, Peter of St. Athan. Beloved husband of the late Jean, dearly loved father and grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, June 5, service 11.15am at The Gathering Place, St. Athan, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only may be sent to the funeral home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimer's UK, c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

BALE
Linda

Teacher at Radyr Primary School. Peacefully at her home in Llantwit Major on 24th May. Linda passed away aged 57 years. Cherished wife of Hugh. Devoted mum to Sean and April.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, 6th June at 10.30am.

Family flowers only please, donations if wished (cheques only) for Marie Curie, Holme Tower c/o funeral director.

HEATHER
William John (Bill)

Peacefully on May 24th at Llandough Hospital, Bill, well known within Barry for his time as 'The Poolsman' of Littlewoods Pools. Beloved husband of the late Iona, loving dad to Sally, Ian and Lynne. A special and respected father-in-law of Howard, Sylvia and Andy. Adored bamps to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He will be dearly missed by all his family and many friends.

Bill is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Wednesday, 7th June at 12 noon. Family floral tributes only, donations if desired, may be made at the service or via Bill's online tribute page www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Marie Curie Hospice.

THOMAS
Robert

Peacefully on May 22nd at the University Hospital of Wales, Rob, well known for his time as a member of Millwood Bowls Club, Barry Masonic Lodge and the Cavaliers Skittle Team. A devoted husband to Tracy, much loved Dad of Rebecca, Elizabeth and Nigel. Cherished Grampy Rob to all his grandchildren. Loving brother of John, Ralph and Keith.

Rob will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 8th June at 2pm. Family floral tributes only, donations if desired, may be made at the service to support the Brain Research Trust in memory of Rob. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

WEST
Edward William John

Peacefully on May 23, at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, John of Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of Edith, dearly loved father of Malcolm and Melvin, much loved by all his family.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, June 8, service 1.30pm at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium Bridgend at 2.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Diabetes UK c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

JONES
John Thomas

Born 16 August 1931, died peacefully in Llandough Hospital on 24 May 2017 after a long illness. Beloved husband of Stephanie, father of John and loving grandfather and great grandfather.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral to take place at Barry Crematorium on Monday, 5th June 2017 at 2pm and afterwards at The Cherry Orchard, Barry Road, Barry.

No flowers by request, but donations (to be shared between RNLI and Alzheimer's Society) may be made at the service.

All enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

DANIELS
Leslie James

Peacefully on 27th May in Llandough Hospital, Les, aged 84 years of Barry. Beloved husband of the late Ivy, much loved dad to Teresa and Philip, father-in-law to Gareth, a devoted grampy Les to Raegan, Lauren and Jordan, great grampy Les to Natascha, Ashton, Harrison and Kienan.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry until the service in Cadoxton Methodist Church on Friday, 9th June at 1pm, afterwards to Barry Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, donations if wished (cheques only) for the Teenage Cancer Trust may be forwarded to the funeral home.

DAVID
Arthur Melvyn

Peacefully on May 23 at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, Mel of Llantwit Major, beloved husband of Denise, dearly love father of Sian, much loved grandfather of Ieuan, loving brother of Eileen and Ralph.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, June 9. Service and cremation 1.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimer's UK c/o C James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

Acknowledgement

THOMAS
Kenneth

17th August 1923 - 11th May 2017.

Paul, Suzanne, Dianne and families would like to thank everyone who attended their precious Dad's funeral service, and the celebration of his 93 years. Also to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and donations to Ty Hafan Hospice.

The kindness of all relatives and friends was greatly appreciated during their sad loss. A special thank you to Orchard House and College Fields for all their wonderful care and support at all times.

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This has added a further 50 yards in length to the hole, making it a testing par four of 377 yards. and takes it in a different direction to the old green.

The new target, now surrounded by water, is an island green making a challenging 'Amen Corner'.

This is the latest development as Cottrell Park bucks the trend in golf and continues to invest every year on its course.

Over the last several years the course has introduced several new greens, lakes and tee complexes.

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For more information visit www.cottrellpark.com.

The new green at Cottrell Park Golf Resort.

CAR ALMOST SUBMERGED IN OLD HARBOUR

Image by REBECCA EXLEY.

BARRY Dock RNLI lifeboat was paged on Thursday afternoon, May 25, to the unusual report of a car in the water at the Old Harbour in Barry, just a short distance from Barry Dock Lifeboat Station.

Volunteers launched their Trent class all-weather lifeboat the Inner Wheel II.

Once they arrived on scene, they found a car that had been used to launch a small motor boat from the slipway, and had been left at the bottom of the slip while its owners were out on their pleasure boat.

Unfortunately for the owners, they were not familiar with the area that they had launched from and had not realised that with the Bristol Channel's large tidal range, much of the slipway would be soon underwater.

The Barry Dock RNLI volunteers stood by for a while to assess the situation and after seeing that no one was in any danger, they returned to station shortly after.

YOU HAVE THIRTY SECONDS TO SAVE YOUR LIFE

UNTIL June 10, come along to Barry Library to take the 'Pulse Check Challenge' and become arrhythmia aware!

To mark Heart Rhythm week 2017, the 'Arrhythmia Alliance' charity are aiming to make people aware of what their pulse rate is. Knowing your pulse rate could help you to: identify any abnormalities in your heart rhythm; secure early diagnosis of any heart conditions and improve outcomes and allow you to make healthy changes to help keep your heart healthy.

It's easy and quick to do. Also, you can pick up your very own free knitted scented heart, all hand-knitted by volunteers of the charity 'Volunteering Matters' to help to remind you to take care of your heart!

Trefoil Guilds get together for AGM

The committee of the guild. Photo by Heather March.

CENTRAL Glamorgan County Trefoil Guild held its annual meeting on May 20 in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major, attended by nearly 40 people.

The event was hosted by the local Llantwit Major Trefoil Guild with county members coming from Bridgend, Porthcawl, Merthyr Tydfil and Pontyclun.

The Mayor of Llantwit Major, Jayne Norman was present, along with Vivienne Grant, chair of Trefoil Guild Wales and Helen Murdoch, president Girlguiding Cymru.

The committee consisting of Jean Roderick and Sylvia Scarf – joint chair, Ann Golding – secretary and Margaret Schofield – treasurer conducted the meeting.

Sadly the new chair designate, Jane Smart, was unable to attend for health reasons and all wished her well and look forward to seeing her back to her usual self.

Following the official business, Jane Baker, daughter of one of Llantwit's members, gave a fascinating talk on her life which included learning to be a fork lift driver, a driver with St John Ambulance and currently practising complementary medicine.

A vote of thanks was given by Heather March and Jane was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Afternoon tea was enjoyed by all and time was spent catching up with old friends, along with a bring and buy and a raffle.

There were various displays, one by the speaker, and one by Gill Clay, chair of Llantwit Major Guild, on the Olave Baden-Powell Society.

Awards were handed out by Vivienne Grant and Jean Roderick for service to Girlguiding and the Trefoil Guild.

All attendees were given a bookmark depicting Llantwit Major as a memento of the occasion, kindly made by Liz Fryer of Llantwit Guild.

Members look forward to meeting up again at the annual meeting next year which will be hosted by Pontyclun Guild.

The Trefoil Guild is a branch of the Guide Association and offers members personal and social opportunities while supporting Guiding and Scouting.

Llantwit Major Guild meets in the afternoon on the fourth Tuesday in the month. Call 01446 792087 for more information or visit the website trefoilguild.co.uk for guilds in other areas.

SYLVIA GEARY

Open studio in Barry

THERE is to be an open studio summer show at Canonhill Artspace, Canon Street, Barry, the Vale, CF62 7RH.

On June 17 and June 18 from 10am to 4 pm, there will be an opportunity to view the drawings and paintings of Glyn Pooley in the informal setting of the artist's studio.

Glyn specialises in original paintings, drawings and 'collaborative artworks' with the community through art4uWales.

The feature artwork, 'Timescape – Joy in the present' now contains nearly 900 original images to explore.

Free tea and coffee, all welcome. For directions to the studio and to view a sample selection of Glyn's work, connect with www.glynpooley.com, or facebook@glynpooley

News from Barry Community Tennis Club

ALMOST 30 children brought their parents onto court at Romilly Park last weekend for the culmination of Barry Community Tennis Club's six weeks of coaching as part of the LTA's 'Tennis For Kids' programme.

The club was awarded funding for up to 50 children to get their first taste of tennis for six free sessions provided by specially trained coaches following a structured introductory programme which included coaching as well as rewards during the programme and a free racquet for the child to keep at the end of the programme.

The club also gave each child their own 'red' tennis ball (a lower compression ball for beginners to develop their technique at a lower bounce and slower pace appropriate for young children), as well as a discounted membership offer for the children on the courses as well as and siblings and parents who want to take part in the club's ever-expanding coaching programme.

The 29 children who attended the event last weekend showed their parents some of their warm-up activities, as well as some body and ball coordination activities, before being presented with their own racquets which they then used in some racquet and ball activities with their parents.

Coaches Penny Mickelsen and Tom Butler-Sainsbury, who ran the courses, were "delighted" with the progress the children made over the six weeks, and thrilled by the number of families who took up the membership offer and have signed up to continue their tennis journey with the club.

To accommodate the extra interest from young beginners, the club is offering sessions for children from reception to year 3 on Wednesdays at 4.30pm and Thursdays at 5.30pm in addition to its existing 11am session on Saturdays in Romilly Park, and all sessions are open to the general public.

To find out more about the club, please visit www.barryctc.co.uk or email info@barryctc.co.uk.

QUORN FAMILY CUP

Last weekend saw the Quorn Family Cup at Romilly Park Tennis Courts, an opportunity for parents to team up with their children aged under 10 years to compete in a mini tennis doubles 'fun tournament'.

Each parent and child pair took part in a round robin event, playing a tiebreak match against three other pairs, with the winner of each box player the runner-up of the other box.

There was potential for some family rivalry, with the families Mickelsen, Papierowski and Boffy each having a pair in both round-robin boxes, but it was only the Mickelsens that had to face a head-to-head in the semi-final, with father-and-daughter pair Gary and Grace edging a victory against mother-and-son pair Penny and Scott.

Gary and Grace secured the overall victory against mother-and-son partnership Angela and Evan Boffy, but everyone had fun on a sunny afternoon, and all participants took home a small gift courtesy of Quorn and British Tennis.

Gary and Grace Mickelsen now have the opportunity to represent Barry Community Tennis Club and compete against other families from around the country at a Quorn Family Cup event being held at one of the summer grass court tournaments around the UK. **PM**

Belle Vue Bowling Club news

ON May 24, Belle Vue played The Windsor at Belle Vue Bowling Club in the Munro Cup, going down 64-88. Three rinks lost and one win, it was 12-2 for Belle Vue.

Rink one was the only winning rink, 25-23. The lead was Dave Bradley, No 2 Richard Brant, No 3 was Alun Thomas and skip was Trevor Ford, who saw his rink through in a close game.

Rink two went down 18-21, losing 5 on the last end, although close all the way through. The lead was Graham Duggan, No 2 Frank Keen (captain), No 3 was John Allen and skip, Dave Miller.

Rink three lost 11-23. They started off well, but were overtaken by Windsor Bowling Club. The lead was Paul Booth, No 2 Gordon Ford, No 3 was Paul Paterson and skip was Colin Scammell.

Rink four also lost quite heavily, 10-21. The lead was Len Fowler, No 2 was John Whitfield, No 3 Les Aubrey and skip was Barrie Bagwell.

A big thank you to Malcolm Thomas for the food and to Paul Booth and Barrie Bagwell, who ran the bar.

FK

Two wins for local owners

BRIDGEND builder Roger Willcox saw his 10-year-old *Patricktom Boru* land the ladies' open race at the Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Point-to-Point at Chaddesley Corbett on Bank Holiday Monday.

Well ridden by Pembrokeshire's Jodie Hughes, the versatile *Patricktom Boru* took up the running at the 12th fence and soon went well clear.

Ogmore-by-Sea's Nick Williams saddled the six-year-old mare *Massini's Dream*, winner of the restricted under Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft.

Massini's Dream, a faller at the Gelligaer Farmers meeting last time, took up the running at the third last fence and looked home and dry when her nearest challenger fell at the last fence. *Massini's Dream* is owned by Tim Jones and John Rees and is qualified with the Tredegar Farmers Hunt.

Pembrokeshire's James Bowen broke the British record for novice point-to-point riders when riding his 26th winner of the season on *Tinkers Hill Tommy,* winner of the men's open race.

BRIAN LEE

Penllyn Bridge Club

LATEST results:

Thursday, May 11, 16 pairs: First, Judith and Colin Nunn 64.2 per cent; second, Helen Owen and Penny Jarvis 63.07 per cent; third, Allan Evans and Keith Price 60.23 per cent.

Thursday, May 17, 17 pairs: First, Phil and Lou Edwards 64.2; second, David and Marian Stephenson 62.78; third, Mike Baron and Brian Tucker 61.93.

Thursday, May 25, 16 pairs – Robert Brown Cup competition: First, Mike Baron and Brian Tucker 59.74; joint second, David Stephenson and John Hunter, Phil and Lou Edwards, John Lord and Wayne Stephens 56.82.

CN

The sun shines on the 'righteous' Rhoose Lifeguards at annual ski race!

THEY say the sun shines on the righteous and it most certainly did on Sunday, May 7!

It was the 38th running of the annual Rhoose ski race, hosted by Rhoose Lifeguards and, with 41 entering, it was the largest turnout in many years.

A rare lull in the recent strong easterly winds gave flat calm conditions, with the occasional sun to keep the temperatures up, but not too hot.

Due to the good conditions, we thought we'd put the younger paddlers to the test and extend the course.

It was a lovely paddle to start the beach season off and great to see so many smiling faces finishing the race.

Congratulations to all those who took part, and thanks to all who helped organise the event and provided the barbecue, drinks and cakes. Also, thanks to the SLSA Wales IRB crews.

The results were as follows: Under-16 boys 6km – Declan Ewington, Rhoose; Reuben Hopkin, Rhoose; Ollie Wong, Rhoose.

Under-16 girls 6km – Millie Wiggins, Rhoose; Brooke Peterson, Rhoose; Meriel Clode/Amelie Clode; under-19 girls 8km – Kelsea Peterson, Rhoose; Ellie Peterson, Rhoose; Abigail Carson, Pen-y-bont.

Under-19 boys 8km – Jason Grice, Rhoose.

Open men 10km – Lloyd Rosewell, Pen-y-bont; Jack Giddings, Rhoose; Ash Lewis, Pen-y-bont.

Masters men 8km – Craig Robinson, Pen-y-bont; Arwyn Jones, Pen-y-bont; Simon Parker, Rhoose.

Masters ladies 8km – Karen Harris, Rhoose.

Open double 8km – Gethin Edwards/Matt Rowland, Llantwit Major.

Overall Club Trophy – Rhoose; Pen-y-bont; Southerndown.

VICKI WIGGINS

Confidence is growing for Cadoxton bowlers

CADOXTON bowlers took on Penarth bowlers in a well-fought Alliance game last week, recovering from a poor start on all four rinks but eventually going down by eight shots to a well-rehearsed Windsor team.

With no choice other than to play one man short, the Cadoxton rink of Dennis Hammond, Derek Brook and Phil Ellis achieved an impressive victory of 18 shots to 16 over their four-man Windsor opposition.

Describing themselves as the 'three musketeers', the Cadoxton players fought their way through to success, driving home winning scores of four and three shots along the way.

Don Kuhnell's rink stood out among the others, landing some noteworthy winning scores, largely motivated by the opening bowl skills of Ewan Heppenstall, but losing in the closing stages, with their opponents winning ends with five shots and four shots and beating the visitors by five shots overall.

The rink skipped by Gordon Davies put in an enthusiastic effort against their opponents, especially through building on the skills of the front two players, Jim Stacey and Howard Hellyar, but were unable to keep down a determined Windsor side which steered home a three shot win and a four shot one in mid-match ends, with Cadoxton coming off worse with an 11 shot total against 15 shots.

In a spirited battle, the rink led by Steve Clarke did markedly better, but couldn't keep up with their more accurate opponents, losing out with 13 shots against 18 shots overall.

Afterwards, David Fanning, Cadoxton's secretary and A side captain, praised the quality of the well-tended Windsor green, saying that such Alliance matches on better-running greens "... offered a welcome and friendly opportunity for team players to fine tune their bowling accuracy and hone their match-playing skills."

Cadoxton's players are heading into the next few months of Cardiff & District Municipal League matches with a rising level of confidence.

Scores: D G Tuck, I Heppenstall, D Fanning, S P Clarke 13, B Peregrine, D Johnson, M Cuccinello, H C Lewis 18; E Heppenstall, D Evans, R Byrne, D Kuhnell 14, T White, S Latham, B Rogers, R Flitney 19; D Hammond, D Brook, P Ellis 18, A Davies, J Mathias, D Hales, P Morrish 16; J Stacey, H Hellyar, G Solomon, G Davies 11, S Stafford, R Ellis, K Williams, K McLeod 15.

DF

Defeat for Athletic firsts

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club's first XI entertained Rogerstone.

After a delayed start and the game being reduced to 40 overs, Barry won the toss and asked Rogerstone to bat first.

They reached 198 for 9 in their 40 overs with D. Jones (75 not out) and L. Tovey (32) being the main scorers; S. Provis (2 for 37), S. Ellis (2 for 35) and J. Haswell (2 for 38) were the main wicket takers.

In reply Barry reached 178 all out with Nathan Baker (68) and S. Ellis (43) being the main scorers with Anjum taking 3 for 26 and a 20 run loss for Barry.

Barry's second XI traveled to Rogerstone and reached 221 for 3 with D. Leake 78 not out and Kollipara being the main scorers.

In reply Rogerstone reached 199 for 6, Rao (42) being top scorer and A. Ellis (2 for 36) being the main wicket taker.

This weekend Barry Athletic entertain Cardiff Gymkhana at The Athletic Cricket Ground, Barry Island with a 12.30pm start.

ME

Tim lands a Lingfield winner

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan is best known as a trainer of hurdlers and steeplechasers but he occasionally gets a winner on the flat and this was the case at Lingfield last Wednesday (May 24) when his eight-year-old old course and distance winner Dovils Date landed the Telegraph Handicap over one mile and six furlongs.

Ridden by Welsh jockey David Probert, Dovils Date won by a short head from KerryMerry at the juicy odds of 12-1.

BLAST FROM THE PAST 1991

Congratulations go to Bridgend butcher Jonathan Tudor and Judith Jenkins, who were married recently at Margam Abbey.

Jonathan, who won the 1989 Times Championship Hunter Chase on St Helen's Boy, landed his first ever treble at the Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point last season with Andrea's Boy (Members), St Helen's Boy (Men's Open) and Glam Grams Best (Owners' Association Race).

Many leading Welsh point-to-point personalities attended the wedding reception, including the south and west Wales champions, namely Cowbridge's John Llewellyn and Lydstep's Philip Mathias.

BRIAN LEE

Barry RFC lottery draw

THIS week's lottery numbers were 03, 06, 14 and 24, which failed to find a winner, so the jackpot now moves on to £4,900.

AJ

Sully Sports under-15s do the double!

THE Sully Sports under-15 Reds team have been crowned league and cup champions, completing the double for the second time in the junior league.

In what proved to be a competitive and frustrating season due to the weather and strong opposition, the league went down to the last game where the Sully Reds faced Barry Athletic.

On a horrible rainy night in difficult conditions, Sully created some clear chances, but couldn't find the back of the net with the game finishing 0-0; the draw was enough, however, to see Sully win the league title.

The cup final was fought over by the same two teams on a sunny Friday night at Jenner Park. Playing in their fourth consecutive final against a strong Barry Athletic side, Sully played some of their best football all season, winning the game 3-0 in a competitive, good-spirited match.

The Sully coaches are extremely proud of the players not just for the success they've achieved but for their great attitude and commitment that the boys have both on and off the pitch.

They would also like to thank all parents and supporters who regularly turn up to cheer on the team in all weathers.

If you are interested in sponsoring Sully Reds as they go into their last junior season please contact 07592 001554.

JH

Barrivale Bridge Club results

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for May 23:

1. Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan 62.70%, 2. Sean MacDougall & Noelle Bond 57.14%, 3. Simon and Debbie Richards 53.17%.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

LH

Busy times for Seaview Lads

IT has been good to see an upsurge in the numbers of members fishing, and the fish have shown up in appreciation.

On May 7, J Gallivan weighed in 11lb 15oz, including a good spotted ray of 4lb 5oz, with Aida Harris in second with 8lb 6oz.

Paul Crook took the honours on May 12 with an impressive weight of 14lb, while Aida Harris was second with 11lb 2oz, squeezing Steve Doble into third.

On May 16, the top gun was Kevin Sala with almost 18lb of fish, while Thomas Williams's 10lb catch could only make second place; R Radman was third.

The boat trip was well supported and over 300lb of fish landed, more trips are now being planned. The CIU competition is looming and we wish all the lads tight lines!

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Evan's Royal Ascot trip

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams could soon be trying on his top hat.

He's keen to see his easy Swinton Hurdle winner John Constable line up for the Ascot Stakes at the Royal meeting next month.

The former national point-to-point champion rider and Wales' leading National Hunt trainer told the press: "We'll aim him at the two mile three furlongs race at Royal Ascot. It seems the obvious place to go but he might not get in, that's the worry. It's 0-100 and he's currently rated 88. I'd have no worries about the ground as we've found out he's a spring horse."

ISABEL'S AWARD

Evan Williams' daughter, Isabel Williams, has won the Gwyn Brace South Wales and Monmouthsire Point-To-Point Riders Award which is awarded to the leading rider resident in the area.

Isabel, at the time of writing, has ridden two winners and has had a number of placings during the season.

The Bill Jones Memorial Trophy has been won by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft and the awards will be presented at the South Wales Point-To-Point Dinner Dance and Awards 2017 evening, in memory of Roger Lewis, at the Holiday Inn, The Coldra, Newport on Saturday, July 1.

Tickets can be obtained from Carole David on 07973 261384.

FFOS LAS SUCCESS FOR VALE TRAINERS

Vale trainers John Flint and Evan Williams had plenty to smile about at Ffos Las last Saturday.

John Flint's eight-year-old Ayla's Emperor, a 14-1 outsider ridden by Ian Popham and carrying top weight of 12st won the Handicap Hurdle by a neck from the David Pipe-trained Bambi Du Noyer and Williams came away with a double after Market Road and Positively Dylan both won their respective races under Adam Wedge.

Market Road took the two-miles and five furlongs handicap chase and top-weighted Positively Dylan won the novices hurdle. Both horses were returned at odds of 13-8.

PERMIAN DERBY TIP

The world's most famous flat race the Epsom Derby is run on Saturday and the horse I think that might give you a run for your money is the Mark Johnson-trained Permian, who at the time of writing is a 14-1 chance.

Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien, who has already saddled five Derby winners, is hoping to win again, this time with Cliffs Of Moher which will almost certainly start favourite.

In my book Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales (published by St David's Press at £14.99), I tell the story of George Frederick, the only Welsh winner of the race.

Owned and bred by William Sheward Cartwright, Lord of the Manor at Llandaff in Cardiff, George Frederick won in 1874.

Mr Cartwright named some of his horses after places in south Wales such as Penarth and The Beautiful Ely. Bred at a farm on Ely Racecourse, Cardiff, George Frederick was said to have won in a canter at odds of 9-1 and was ridden by Henry Custance, who claimed in his book, Riding Recollections and Turf Stories, that Mr Cartwright was 'eccentric in manner'.

When news of George Frederick's win reached Wales, brass bands paraded the streets and Mr Cartwright's racing colours were hoisted from Newport town hall, where he had business and residence associations.

George Frederick was trained by Tom Leader at Wroughton near Swindon and can it be a coincidence that in the Ely/Fairwater district of Cardiff there is a Cartwright Lane and a Wroughton Place?

Incidentally, Barry-born jockey George Bowden once rode a filly in the Derby which is a very rare thing indeed. That was back in 1927 and the filly's name was Stampede.

At one time Stampede was owned by a Dr Sixsmith, of Cowbridge, who used to ride her on his rounds!

Anyway, Stampede, the 1,000-1 rank outsider, trailed in last of the 23 runners.

The Welsh point-to-point season comes to an end on Saturday with the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Trecoed, Letterston, Haverfordwest, first race 2pm.

No doubt there will be a number of horses and riders from the Vale making the trip. There will be six races and a mixed scurry race at 5.30pm.

ANOTHER WIN FOR EVAN

Llanharan's Evan David, who has been in cracking form this season, chalked up another winner when landing the open maiden race on Andrew Pennock's Thyne For Rhuda at the Berkshire & Buckley Point-To-Point Steeplechases over the Bank Holiday weekend.

**You can e-mail your horse racing news or views to Brian Lee at brianlee4@virginmedia.com or telephone him on 02920736438.*

BRIAN LEE

Bad weekend for Vale Cricket Club

A superb unbeaten 114 by Mark Francis for Vale CC second XI was the highlight of an otherwise disappointing weekend for the club.

The first XI (172 all out) failed to chase down Sully Centurions' 211-9 at home, while the seconds endured a five wicket defeat at Sully.

After being asked to bat, Francis came to the wicket in the third over after the dismissal of Paul Sheppard.

Receiving scant support from the recognised batsmen, Francis organised his innings brilliantly. Only the Merry twins, Gethin (16) and Idris (18), stuck around for any length of time, while Francis batted serenely to end up on 114 not out.

Late order hitting from Andrew Knight provided some further entertainment and Vale completed their innings on 175-8, at least 25 runs below par on a very good pitch.

There were few problems for Sully's batsmen and despite good bowling efforts from the Merry boys and Paul Gilbert, and enthusiastic fielding, notably from Tom Evans and Rhodri Owens, the home side reached their target for five wickets with four overs remaining.

Despite the loss, Vale second XI remain top of their division.

Both sides will want to get back on track this week – the firsts host Barry Wanderers while the seconds travel away to the reverse fixture.

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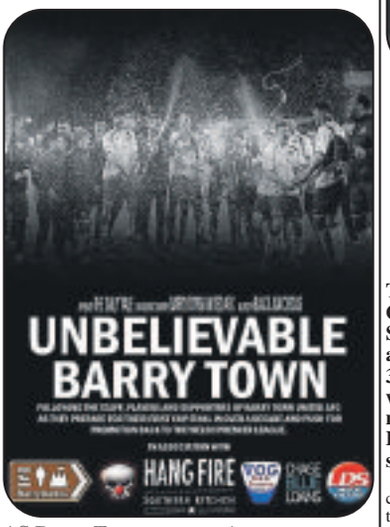
Documentary highlights successes of Barry Town United



AS Barry Town United prepared to play their biggest game in the club's recent history, as they took on TNS in the MG Nathaniel Cup final in January, TDV Media followed the players, fans and staff, capturing a historic moment for the club and all associated with it.

Having not competed in a cup final for over 13 years, TDV wanted to show the emotion, passion and loyalty of everyone involved at the club and showcase how much hard work people behind the scenes put in to create such a vibrant community club.

The project evolved, however, as Barry Town edged closer to a return to the Welsh Premier League for the first time in over 13 years.

The troubles of Barry Town United have been well documented over the past few years. Having faced near extinction four years ago, they won back to back promotions and then narrowly missed out on promotion to the Welsh Premier League to Cardiff Met.

These troubles are now well in the past and the community spirit of everyone involved has helped drive the club forward, both on and off the pitch.

Unbelievable Barry Town, in association with Hang Fire Southern Kitchen, documents the club during a unique and exciting period. The whole cup final day provided fans, players and all staff with an amazing experience when they faced old rivals TNS.

The day brought emotion, tears, excitement, passion and most of all, shows how hard the cub has worked to get where it is today.

Ryan Sutton, producer of the documentary, commented: "The obvious route with this documentary would be to focus on the past and previous owners but early on we decided that this film should be about now, the future and the people who play for, support and manage the club today.

"Right now, there are some special people in and around Barry Town United full of passion and we've tried to show this as best we can in this film."

Barry Town United commented: "When Jordan Cotterill scored that all-important free kick against Carmarthen to send us into our first national cup final for over a decade, euphoria kicked in at the club.

"This documentary perfectly documents the build-up to the final and captures the positivity around the club as we made our return to the Welsh Premier League."

With a soundtrack provided by local band Black Jam Circus and narration provided by BBC Radio Wales' Eleri Sion, Unbelievable Barry Town truly highlights the importance of the club not only within the town, but to the fans, players and all staff that work so hard each and every single day.

Unbelievable Barry Town is now available to view via https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2usS9emuCA

John Caines receiving his prize from sponsor Mr Mark Rees.

Farmers tackle Llanishen for the Shrieval Trophy

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at Llanishen Golf Club where 37 turned out, all attempting to win the Shrieval Trophy in memory of the late Mr Islwyn Rees, a founder member of the society.

Islwyn's love of stroke play competition was well-documented and therefore an annual medal round competition is arranged, generously sponsored by Islwyn's family.

Leading the field after a most enjoyable afternoon of golf was John Caines, who finished with a net 67, followed by society captain Ray Thomas with a net 68.

Jim Hayes with a net 69 finished in third place just ahead of Julian Golunski who finished with a net 70. Phil Mason with a net 73 won the guest prize.

The dreaded double figure score, which, in a medal round generally proves the downfall of those achieving this target, was passed by Bryan Owen, John Davies, Clive Edwards, Keith Davies and also a devastated Robbie Llewellyn, who returned home with a special prize for his dozen strokes taken on the 410 yard 12th hole.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par 3 holes were Tim Jarvis, Keith James, Reg Davies and Ray Thomas, with the longest drive on the selected hole won by society president Geraint Davies.

Correctly guessing 41 balls would not make the journey home was rewarded with a bottle of whiskey presented to Chris Rooney that raised £90 for Prostrate Cancer Wales.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 30, with a visit to The Kendleshire Golf Club in Bristol and will be sponsored by Mr John Caines of Payton, Jewell & Caines, estate agents of Bridgend.

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LATEST VALE OF GLAMORGAN POOL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

IT was another fantastic night for the Billy United and their captain Tony Mullins, as the team came out on top with an impressive 7-3 victory over second-placed Cocopops.

This result saw the Billy crowned the first league champions of the Vale of Glamorgan Pool League. The Billy have entertained all year and rightly deserve the top spot with 16 wins, one draw and only two defeats, both by the Whitchill.

A special mention has to go out to their formidable talisman Ceri Mortis who recorded yet another 8-ball clearance in frame one, his sixth in total this season, this time against his friend and league stalwart and county player Mike Dunn.

Not to be outshone, in-form Mark Ingram played some exceptional pool in winning all his matches, and in the singles cleared five balls and the black, making it all look so easy.

The Roberts brothers, Gary and Ian, again made their experience and patience count in winning their matches, and have made a huge contribution to the Billy winning the league championship, with fine support from Dan Roderick and Martin Pring. Congratulations to the Billy.

Over at The Borough Arms, Les Ashton and Rob Larkin both gave fine performances against the Castle, ably supported by Andrew Churchill and Nick Meadows.

The Borough have grown into a formidable side this season, but here they were on the losing side, the final score being 7-3 to the Castle.

Ralph Miners and Brian Harris, the regular and constant stars of the Castle, notched up more winning frames and their experience is proving invaluable.

The quarter-finals of the scotch doubles has been completed with Mark Ingram and John Farrugia comfortably winning 3-0 against Pete Lewis and Ade Ledbetter.

Over at the Whitchill, teammates Ian Hill and Jamie Stanton beat Lawrence Klee and Geraint Randell 3-1. The league's poster boys Ryan Rowlands and James Hill won 3-1 against Graham Avient and John Barker from Cocopops.

The Castle was the venue for Wayne Hobson and Gavin Rowlands, who beat teammates Sean Kelly and Ralph Miners 3-1. With four outstanding pairs going through to the semi-finals, it's very hard to pick a winner.

This Thursday will see Cocopops entertain the Whitchill and with the runners-up spot at stake, it should be a close and tense affair.

Both teams can hold theirs heads high, as there's no shame in coming runners-up to the Billy, the league's best team.

With one eye on next season, the league format is changing with more points becoming available, with a possible 12 points to win on a Thursday.

Teams next year will only need four players every week to compete.

If you are a pub or club that would like to join our league next season, please text Joe on 07870 498738 or email him at Valeofglamorganpoolleague@gmail.com.

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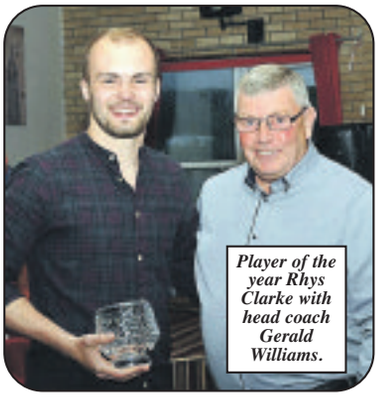
PENCOED RFC HOLD PRESENTATION EVENING



Player of the year Rhys Clarke with head coach Gerald Williams.

Special leaving award to David Young who is going on adventure to New Zealand, with teammates Ricky Somers, Kieron Moore, Kyle Barrett and Aaron Halse. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK

PENCOED RFC recently held their end-of-season presentation evening, where the club celebrated the end of another season, and players were rewarded for their efforts.

Club jersey presentation to David Young with club chairman Terry Rees.

Highest points scorer Adam Williams' award received by his brother, Pencoed's Kyle Barrett with Ricky Somers.

Highest try scorer Ryan Russell.

Most promising player Owain Clarke with Aaron Halse.

Most improved player Ryan Russell with Kieron Moore.

Players' player of the year Rhys Clarke with club sponsor Mathew Brown.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club news

RECENT results from Porthcawl Bridge Club are as follows:

Saturday, May 13: First, Dil and Marian Evans; second, Trish Saunders and Janet Richards.

Thursday, May 18: First, Sue Anthony and Janet Richards; second, Pat Haworth and Gary Williams.

Saturday, May 20: First, Eleanor Jones and Winnie Phillips; second, Tony Haworth and John Beard.

Thursday, May 25: First, Tiffany and John Beard; second, Gary Williams and Pat Haworth.

The club meets twice a week on Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 7pm to 10.15pm. Visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794

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Group photo award winners - left to right Matthew Hobby, Ben Davies, Jonathan Taylor, Joe Grabham, Tom Seldon, Cameron Thomas, Cameron Lewis, Tom Davies and Keith Hobby. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANNON

Athletic youth end their superb season on high!

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC youth section held their annual presentation evening at their clubhouse on Saturday, May 27.

Head coach Lee Grabham started the proceedings by emphasising the achievement of the A side in not only winning the Ospreys A league, but following it up by defeating the unbeaten Dragons league champions Senghenydd 41-18 and Blues league and Welsh Youth Cup winners Rumney 37-30 to be crowned the best youth side in Wales as National League play-off champions.

Any side that can score seven and five tries against such formidable opposition truly deserves that title. The second-string Rags side – mainly last season's under-16s side - also performed exceptionally well in claiming several formidable scalps in reaching the Welsh Bowl Cup final.

Altogether 45 players represented the two youth teams during the season. With such great team achievements, virtually any of the players could be considered worthy of awards – so it was very difficult singling out the eventual recipients.

Lee congratulated half-backs Luke Bevan and Dan James and hooker Cameron Thomas on being capped for the Boys Clubs of Wales as well as several players representing the Ospreys and Glamorgan District youth sides.

The captain's awards went to A side Tom Seldon and Rags' Joe Grabham. The A side player of the year was won by Jonathan Taylor, while the player's player of the year went to Ben Davies, with Cameron Thomas runner-up.

The Rags' player of the year was awarded to Joe Grabham, players' player of the year Caine Woolerton and runner-up Cameron Lewis.

The most promising youth player award went to lock Tom Davies who started his first season in youth rugby with the Rags, but soon became a regular A team player.

The champagne moment of the year was awarded to popular wing Eugene Richards for his try against Senghenydd.

The Daryl Dyke memorial award was presented to A side captain Tom Seldon for his inspirational leadership both on and off the field.

Tom thanked his fellow players and the great coaching and management team of Lee Grabham, John Doherty, Kevin Gamble and Keith Hobby for making his period in youth rugby at the Ath so memorable.

The A team and Rags' clubmen of the year awards went to father and son Keith and Matthew Hobby for their contributions behind the scenes in going that extra mile to help the rugby and commercial operation of the youth sides.

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Champagne moment award to Eugene Richards presented by Keith Hobby.

Daryl Dyke memorial award to A team captain Tom Seldon, presented by Lee Grabham.